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Mrs Thatcher will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she must go for June 9, and she must not delay. Labour jubilation at winning Liverpool was tempered by the loss of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham...

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she appears to have an excellent chance of remaining in office if she decides to have a general election on June 9. But she will also be told that a delay of even one week would be unwise...

Unhappy memories of 1974 were recalled yesterday by Conservatives who blame Mr Edward Heath for having lost on February 28 an election which they say he could have won two weeks earlier. Many voices were last night muttering in unison that if Mrs Margaret Thatcher decided to go, she must go at once and with the briefest possible campaign...

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Budget change 'loses' 26,000 unemployed

A big fall in the number of people out of work is likely to be announced by the Government early next month because of another change in the way the jobless total is calculated. Unemployment figures for April released yesterday by the Department of Employment show a 2,511 fall to 3,169,879 in the number of people out of work because of the change announced in the last Budget, which has taken 26,400 men aged over 60 off the register...

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Mrs Thatcher in her Finchley, north London, constituency yesterday: 'Just keep calm'.

Labour puts brave face on defeats

Labour leaders were putting a brave face yesterday on a pattern of local election results which showed them doing little more than holding their own. The loss of the major cities of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham put a damper on Labour glee at taking Liverpool. Sir Jack Smart, leader of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the Labour Party's showing in the contributions outside London (where no elections were held) endorsed Labour policies - a judgment based on the support given to several high-sounding authorities, including Newcastle upon Tyne and Manchester. The 'socialist' republic of South Yorkshire lived up to its name, with Labour adding a seat to its impressive position in Sheffield and scoring in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. But the rifts in the Labour camp showed through last night. In Bristol, there was a tussle between moderates and an enhanced left-wing group, although Mr Claude Draper, the moderate Labour leader, looks likely to survive. He told The Times that the Conservatives would control his city for twelve months at most. In Manchester, the Labour Left increased its strength to 33 members, against the moderates' 39. The private reactions of Social Democrats were summed up by the party's organizer for Manchester, Mr Christopher Muir. He described their showing in the city as catastrophic. Respect for the Labour victory in Liverpool came from civil servants. At last, one said, there will be a council able to implement its decisions. Party professionals have pointed to the paradox of Labour losing Tazeworth, but gaining nearby Redditch. Liverpool doubles, page 2 Results, page 4

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Bonn Government says Hitler diaries forged

By Michael Binyon in Bonn and John Wintherow in London

The Sunday Times announced yesterday that it would not be publishing the so-called Hitler diaries after the West German Government had said they were forgeries. Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Minister of the Interior, said scientific tests by the federal archives in Koblenz had shown they were produced after the end of the war. Examination of the paper, ink and twine used for the bindings and historical investigations had all proved them to be forgeries. Herr Henri Nannen, the publisher of Stern, which discovered the 60 volumes of the diaries and has already started publishing their contents, said the magazine could not evade the 'considerations' of the federal archives, and would fully take into account the results in further publication of the diaries. A spokesman for Stern said later that the magazine would make no official statement yet, but it was clear that Stern would suspend publication of the diaries. He said that the second instalment of the Rudolf Hess affair, planned for publication next Thursday, would not appear while Stern investigated the circumstances and background to the Government's declaration that the diaries were forged.

In London, Mr Arthur Brittenden, director of Corporate Relations at News International, the parent company of Times Newspapers, said publication of the first instalment on May 22 would not go ahead and that the company would attempt to recover from Stern \$200,000 (£130,000) that it had already paid. News International had agreed to pay \$400,000 in total if the diaries were authentic. Two of the volumes arrived in London yesterday and independent tests were being conducted by analysts. 'This examination will proceed and the experts' opinions will be published,' Mr Brittenden said in a statement. He added that the decision to publish had been taken only after very positive identification by Lord Dacre, formerly Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, and assurances received from Stern magazine. Lord Dacre said last night he regretted verifying the diaries too quickly and had now been convinced for some time that they were forgeries.



Professor Booms: Earlier mistakes repeated.

Israel accepts terms for withdrawal from Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The way was opened yesterday for an attempt to revive President Reagan's moribund Middle East peace plan when the Israeli Cabinet voted by 17 to two to accept in principle the terms of a troop withdrawal agreement with Lebanon worked out during the shuttle mission of Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State. A triumphant Mr Shultz, later described the decision, which was bitterly opposed by Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Defence Minister, as a milestone. He then left Israel for neighbouring Jordan for talks with King Hussein where he was expected to cite the projected Israeli-Lebanese accord as evidence of America's ability to secure results. Although a number of ministers were unhappy about the security arrangements envisaged for southern Lebanon, they apparently agreed to accept the plan both because of the improvement in relations with the US offered as quid pro quo and because of a realization of the domestic unpopularity of the continued involvement in Lebanon. This was brought home dramatically to ministers for the seven-hour cabinet session by an opinion poll in the morning paper Haaretz, which showed the main opposition Labour party ahead of the ruling Likud for the first time since June 1981. Discontent with the failure to find a solution to a sixth war, was taken 11 months to the day since the invasion forces first crossed into Lebanon. It has effectively guaranteed that the odds of any failure to secure the withdrawal of the 70,000 foreign troops still

war, which has already cost 481 Israeli lives was given as one of the main reasons for the turnaround. The Cabinet vote, which accepted goals far short of those for which Israel launched its

Fraud trial juror tells of bribe offer

Scotland Yard is investigating an attempt to bribe a juror in the trial of Gordon Campbell Towner, a jeweller, who was jailed yesterday for seven and a half years and fined £400,000 for a £3.5m billion tax fraud. The juror went to police after a man approached him in the street and pressed a wad of notes into his hand. After Towner's conviction, Judge Richard Lowry, QC said the bribery bid demonstrated the futility of attempts at 'jury dobbing'. Two weeks ago, a juror in another trial at the Central Criminal Court was confronted by two men who threatened to shoot him on his way to the court. Towner, aged 49, was convicted of conspiracy to defraud over VAT payments on gold. With three other convicted men, he had set out to 'manipulate' the tax system by selling gold bullion to Hanoo Garden dealers and pocketing the 15 per cent VAT which they collected on the sale. Full report, page 3

Children questioned on break-ins

Three young children were last night being questioned by detectives at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, in connexion with a series of burglaries involving thousands of pounds in the town. A police spokesman said that the children had so far refused to talk and had not even divulged their names or ages. They were thought to be about 10 years old and were being questioned about thefts involving cash and jewellery.

THE SHULTZ SHUTTLE

- Monday April 25 Mr George Shultz and a party including the special Middle East envoys, Mr Philip Habib and Mr Morris Draper and 15 State Department journalists fly from Washington to Cairo. Tuesday April 26 Four-hour talk with President Mubarak. Wednesday April 27 First meeting with Mr Begin. Thursday April 28 Files to Beirut for first meeting with President Gemayel. Returns to Jerusalem. Friday April 29 More talks in Jerusalem. Saturday April 30 Returns to Beirut. Stays overnight in American Ambassador's residence which comes under rocket attack. Sunday May 1 Returns to Jerusalem. Monday May 2 More talks with government leaders. Tuesday May 3 Returns to Beirut and stays overnight at the presidential palace at Baalbek. Wednesday May 4 Returns to Jerusalem and begins an intensive round of more than eight hours of talks. Thursday May 5 Rests at hotel nursing sore throat and cold. In afternoon attends inauguration of Mr Chaim Herzog as Israel's new President.

on Lebanese soil will now lie with Syria. Mr Yitzhak Modai, the energy minister, gave warning after the Cabinet session that if

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Judge rules wife of IRA man 'safe'

A judge ruled yesterday that the Chief Constable of the RUC did not have to produce the wife of an alleged Provisional IRA informer in answer to a writ of habeas corpus (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Justice Hutton said in Belfast that the writ, issued last week, did not apply because Mrs Linda Quigley, the wife of Mr Robert Quigley, who is expected to be a Crown witness in a forthcoming trial, was in police protection.

Sir John Hermon, the chief constable, earlier had said in a written reply to the court that Mrs Quigley was residing of her own choice with her husband and two children under police protection.

However, Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, acting for Mr Quigley's sister, said that by not producing the woman in court the chief constable was "cooking a snook" at the court and was in contempt.

The judge said that police protection was not unlawful detention and that Sir John's reply to the writ was valid but the chief constable's reply will be examined at a full hearing on Thursday.

Strike at plant stops royal visit

Princess Anne has cancelled plans to tour the Lucas Aerospace factory in Birmingham on Monday because of a six-week strike by 90 assembly workers at the plant and the possibility that strikers might try to disrupt the occasion.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday that the Princess would spend the day in Birmingham and the rest of her tour would go ahead as planned.

News group cuts staff

Eight of the 23 journalists employed by Thomson Regional Newspapers at its London office are to be made redundant, the company announced yesterday.

Mr William Heeps, the editorial director of TRN, said that the cause of the decline in regional sales the newspapers will concentrate in collecting information and will depend less on centrally produced material.

Karate man gets four years

Michael Roberts, aged 22, a karate enthusiast, was jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for killing Ellen Cole, aged 13 months, who had pulled his hair.

Roberts, of Edmonton, north London, rained punches on the girl, the daughter of the woman with whom he was living last year, the jury heard.

He was cleared of murder, but convicted of manslaughter.

Scots glue bill passed

A Bill which will enable children caught sniffing glue in Scotland to be referred to reporters of the children's courts passed its remaining stages in the Commons yesterday.

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50th heart man

The fiftieth heart transplant patient operated on at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, was yesterday named as Mr Colin Ward, aged 40, a former postman, of Branshaw Grove, Keighley, West Yorkshire. His wife said: "Everything is going along well."

Scargill calls for war of attrition over pit closures

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, served notice last night that attempts by the National Coal Board and its incoming chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, to close uneconomic pits would be met with a "war of attrition".

He confirmed a move towards a new union tactic, revealed in *The Times* on Monday, of planning selective strikes at "big hitter" pits rather than the present policy of all-out national stoppages.

Mr Scargill told the Lancashire miners' conference in Blackpool the day after Mr Norman Siddall, the board chairman, had forecast further pit closures, that the selective action could be based on the country's most profitable pits.

Calling for opposition to a pit closures programme, the president said: "There are two things we can do. We can have all-out strike action against that policy or we can begin to think logically about the type of policy we can employ. If the coal board intends to close the 30 most uneconomic pits, then we will ask the 30 most profitable pits, such as Selby, to go out on strike."

Mr Scargill said the rest of the country's miners would stay at work but would be levied to raise a fund for payment of normal take-home pay to these miners on strike.

Mr Siddall told the Lancashire miners' conference on Thursday that the industry has to abandon "hopeless pits" because too much coal was being produced too expensively. It is likely that the drive against uneconomic mines could lead to the closure of 15 pits with the loss of 15,000 jobs in 1983-84.

Mr Scargill criticized Mr Siddall's claim that 23,000 miners had left the industry since 1975 and said that the workforce had been reduced by 45,000 over the past eight years.

"I am delighted to tell this conference that I have received a letter from Michael Foot giving an undertaking that if the Labour Party are elected they will stop the policy of pit closures," Mr Scargill said.

A board spokesman said later that the 30 most profitable pits employed about 45,000 men, for whom the weekly wages bill was about £9m. If that number of men were called out on strike the levy on each miner still at work would be about £50 a week, the board said.

Timex court action to end sit-in

From Our Correspondent, Edinburgh

The management of Timex, in Dundee, took legal action yesterday to end the five-week sit-in at their Milton plant. The firm also announced that they are to make a further 300 workers redundant because of the dispute.

The company said they had lodged a petition in the High Court in Edinburgh to suspend the unlawful trespass and to interdict those engaged in the sit-in from remaining on or entering unlawfully the company's property.

The latest job losses, which will reduce the workforce to 2,000, were, the firm said, directly due to Timex's failure to meet commitments and to maintain customer confidence because of the dispute.

The dispute is about compulsory redundancies and a reduction in watchmaking in Dundee. All 400 workers in the sit-in have been either dismissed for breach of contract or made compulsorily redundant.

The sit-in workers said the latest move showed the contemptible attitude of Timex management. They said the workforce was appalled at the timing of the management's action, in view of the scheduled meeting between Mr Alex Enoch, the minister responsible for industry in Scotland, and members of the Scottish TUC, which had been called in an attempt to find a solution to the dispute.

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Divers told to end sit-in

Chevron Oil was granted an interim interdict in the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday ordering 27 divers involved in a sit-in to leave their Ninian Northern platform in the North Sea.

Last night talks to try workers and other divers throughout the entire British sector of the North Sea failed to get off the ground.

The sit-in, which began on Wednesday, is in protest against tactics used by the divers' employers, Sub-sea Offshore, an Aberdeen-based contracting firm. The divers claim the firm is refusing to recognize their union, the Professional Divers' Association, that it is using foreign divers at reduced rates, that it has been withholding bonuses and is ill treating and intimidating PDA members.

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Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, in his room at the Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Liverpool doubts as left win

By Ronald Faux

The capture of Liverpool City Council by a left-wing dominated Labour group with a working majority ends 10 years in which no party has had overall control in the city. There were two widely differing views of the future yesterday.

Mr John Hamilton, Labour leader and a moderate, said socialist policies would bring prosperity again to the ailing city. Any costs incurred would be well repaid by the prosperity and rejuvenation of Liverpool.

But Mr Reginald Flude, the former Conservative leader, who lost his seat on the council to Labour, declared that the city would become the first socialist state in Britain.

"The electorate will soon discover what they have let themselves in for. The first batch of destructive policies will be nothing in comparison with what is up their sleeves after the general election", he said.

Sir Trevor Jones, former Liberal leader of the council, forecast that the left-wing programme would cost Liverpool an extra £50m, doubling the rates burden and causing many firms to close. The result of the election had been an anti-

government vote, which was understandable in a city that had suffered so much.

The future of the Labour leadership after the remarkable victory is thought by many Opposition councillors to depend on when the next general election is called. An early date could mean that Militant Tendency and left-wing supporters in the Labour group will be content for Mr Hamilton to remain for the short term.

Yesterday the party denied plans to change the leadership but a vote will be taken on Monday at a Labour group meeting. Other possible candidates are Mr Derek Hatton, a Marxist and Militant supporter, and Mr Eddie Loyden, a former Labour MP and the parliamentary candidate in the new Garston constituency.

Mr Hamilton remained confident about his future and jubilant at Labour's victory.

"The Liberals have taken us up the road to bankruptcy with their policies and the people of the area have recognized the problems and shown clearly that they are fed up with the way the city has been run".

The Liberals took control of

Liverpool in 1974 with a narrow majority and held power for three years. Labour then won a minority lead until 1978 when, although they held a majority, the party refused to accept control because it was unable to win a majority on all the committees.

For five months in 1979 no party would accept power in Liverpool. Towards the end of the year Labour took control. In 1980 Liberals took control and held it till yesterday. The last time the Conservatives held overall control of Liverpool was in 1971.

The Labour Party in the city divides into militant, left-wing, Tribune and moderate camps, with the moderates hugely outvoted. In that balance, with about ten Militant Tendency supporters and a majority of Trotskyist sympathizers, Mr Hamilton's leadership comes under a question mark.

The new administration will have 51 Labour councillors, 30 Liberals and 13 Conservatives. Labour is pledged to cutting council rents by £2 a week, a council house "build for rent" scheme, and large-scale job creation projects.

Britain plays down Heseltine's 'hiccup'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The British Government will make no apology to the Republic of Ireland over remarks made by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, about Irish neutrality during a 24-hour visit to Ulster this week.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, denied today that Mr Heseltine's remarks had been a gaffe or had caused any problems in his efforts to ease tensions in Anglo-Irish relations.

Speaking during a tour of Co Antrim, he made it clear there would be no apology to Dublin and that nor would one have been expected.

He thought there would be no lasting effect on relations between London and Dublin. Official sources in the republic were describing Mr Heseltine's comments as a "hiccup" in London, the Foreign Office attempted to play down their significance.

Mr Prior said people were trying to make a great deal out of the Secretary of State's remarks, but one of the good things about relations between the two countries was that they would not cause lasting damage. He said he had been able to reach a very good understand-

ing with Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Prime Minister, Dr Garret Fitzgerald.

It has not gone unnoticed that the furore over Mr Heseltine's remarks have come at a time when there is a by-election in Donegal, South-west.

Yesterday Mr Charles Haughey continued to attack Mr Heseltine's comments, saying that it was not so much what he had said but where he had said it. It was an unwarranted impertinence for a British minister to come to any part of the island and attack Irish policy, he said.

Mr Heseltine's statements were an attack on the republic's policy of neutrality. It was unwarranted for any "allegedly friendly" government to attack another government in that way.

Mr Haughey added that he did not know whether Mr Heseltine's comments represented British government policy, but he was Secretary of State for Defence and they must be questioned. He added that there were many ominous signs that Irish military neutrality was being questioned in different ways.

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BMA civil defence retreat

By Nicholas Timmins

Leaders of Britain's community physicians, who play a key part in the health services planning for a nuclear war, yesterday backed away from a direct confrontation with the Government over civil defence.

After an hour-long discussion with two government ministers responsible for civil defence, the British Medical Association's central committee, deleted from a motion a section that urged community physicians to take no further part in planning for a nuclear war until the Government meets the criticisms of its civil defence plans in the recent report from the association's Board of Science.

The 24-member committee, however, remained critical of the plans, despite the hearing it gave to Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, and Mr Geoffrey Fin-

berg, the Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health. The meeting described the plans as unsound and inappropriate and urged the Government to produce more realistic ones.

The complexities of the constitution, however, mean that the original motion urging a boycott of civil defence planning will still be discussed at the community physicians' annual conference in a month's time, and at the association's annual representative meeting in Dundee at the end of next month.

If it is passed at the latter meeting it will become association policy.

The Labour Party was accused of reaching "a new level of naivety" by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, for its decision to ask the Soviet Union how it would respond to unilateral nuclear disarmament by Britain.

"We all know what the Russians will do," Mr Heseltine said in his Henley constituency. "They will continue to develop their nuclear capability and they will continue to introduce new nuclear weapon systems."

Tory MP wins case on selection

Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West yesterday won a High Court battle against his local Conservative association over the right to be selected as a candidate in the next election.

Mr Justice Caulfield, sitting in London, held that the new Cwyd North-West Conservative Association had broken its rules when it recommended that only one name that of Miss Beata Brookes, Euro-MP for north Wales, should go forward to the association's annual general meeting on Monday.

Sir Anthony's name should be added to the recommendation, the judge ruled.

Outside the court Sir Anthony said it was a "very satisfactory" outcome.

Under recent boundary changes part of Sir Anthony's constituency, which he has represented for 13 years, is being swallowed up by the new one of Cwyd, North-west.

The Cwyd Conservative Association's executive council interviewed three candidates from an original field of 72. Miss Brookes, Sir Anthony and Mr Geraint Morgan QC, whose Denbigh constituency will also come under Cwyd, North-west. A vote was then taken.

On the first ballot none of the three had an overall majority. The council then held a second ballot between the top two, Miss Brookes and Sir Anthony. Miss Brookes won, and she alone was recommended for prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate.

But the judge said that the second ballot was not needed. The rules for choosing a candidate stated that if there was no overall majority after a ballot "more than one candidate should be recommended. That means" the judge said, "that Sir Anthony, as well as Miss Brookes, should have been recommended."

Five Scots councils to be told to cut rates

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, is to take punitive action against five councils for excessive spending. One of them, Lothian Regional Council, is nominally controlled by the Conservatives but they have no overall majority and the budget was approved earlier this year by a combination of Labour and Social Democratic votes.

Under the tighter control of councils that the Government has in Scotland, Mr Younger is to demand that the five councils cut their rates by specified amounts.

The five are: Lothian, Glasgow, Kirkcaldy and Stirling (the last three solidly Labour) and

Science report

Pointers to the benefits of exercise

By the Staff of Nature

The unexpected discovery that the sustained high temperatures which follow heavy physical exercise are produced by a mechanism similar to that responsible for the fever of bacterial infections has been reported by Dr Joseph G. Cannon and Dr Matthew J. Kluger, of the University of Michigan.

What seems to happen is that the white blood cells known as mononuclear leukocytes, which secrete a protein material causing fever in response to bacterial infection, behave in the same way during physical exercise.

Although very little is known about the protein other than its size, the Michigan researchers have been able to measure quantities of it in blood of human subjects by collecting blood plasma, extracting protein materials of the expected size and injecting these into rats. Increase of the body temperature of the rats within two hours of the injection was used as a means of measuring the quantity of protein, called endogenous pyrogen, among the materials injected.

The surprising discovery is that both the blood plasma from people who have been taking physical exercise, and the materials secreted by mononuclear leukocytes taken from the same subjects' blood, increased the body temperature of rats by about half a degree Centigrade, comparable to that caused by the injection of a familiar bacterial toxin.

The same series of experiments has shown that endogenous pyrogen protein produced by people who have taken physical exercise will scavenge from the blood of rats substantial proportions of the iron and zinc which are normally in circulation.

This finding provides further evidence that endogenous pyrogen is identical with the protein known to be responsible for removing iron and zinc from the blood of people during fevers caused by natural infections.

The significance of the main finding that exercise stimulates the production of endogenous pyrogen is at this stage unclear. The authors of the research point out that it provides a natural explanation for why the body temperature of people who have taken exercise may remain unusually high for several hours afterwards. It may also explain why people who exercise regularly are relatively immune from bacterial infection.

But in the long run the experiments described will provide the foundation on which to base studies of the way in which exercise stimulates the immune system as a whole. Jogging may, thereby, be justified.

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John's gospel profits Jaguar

By Clifford Webb

John Egan, the chief executive who saved Jaguar from almost certain closure three years ago and turned losses of £2m a month into profits this year, said yesterday: "I am preparing Jaguar to be capable of a profitable and independent future".

But he declined to comment on reports that the company will be the first part of BL to invite private investment next year.

Reports that world demand for Jaguar cars is now so high that a night shift could be introduced for the first time in more than four years have increased this speculation.

He is now in great demand as an after dinner speaker when he spreads the gospel on Jaguar's return from the brink.

John Egan, who is 43, is a petroleum engineer by training who came to BL after spells with Shell and General Motors. He first attracted attention in the early 1970s as managing director of BL's Unipart spares and servicing company.

He is generally credited with laying the foundations for it to become one of the first profitable parts of the groups and, like Jaguar, a prime candidate for private enterprise participation.

But Mr Egan, unhappy with the centralised set-up resulting from the Ryder report, joined Massey Ferguson, the Can-

adian-owned tractor maker, whose highest plant is close to Jaguar's Coventry base.

Sir Michael Edwardes became chairman of BL in 1977 he tried to recruit Mr Egan. But it was only in 1980, when Jaguar was given a separate identity again, that Mr Egan was persuaded to return as chairman and chief executive. Most observers thought he was too late.

Mr Egan did not hide the danger. On the contrary, in a series of meetings with employees, he emphasized that everyone's job was at risk.

Undoubtedly his bravest decision was to come clean on the myth of Jaguar quality. Mr Egan said it was deplorable and had been so for a long time. Only the immense loyalty for the name Jaguar kept motorists buying it.

It was not simply poor workmanship in Jaguar's plants. The car's magnificent design was being let down by poor quality components from outside suppliers.

With production down from its peak of 32,000 cars a year to 14,000 in 1980, the labour force was reduced by nearly a third to about 7,000, without too much opposition.

Mr Egan's present standing on the shop floor was summed up by the wife of an employee who sought him out at an open day for families (another Egan innovation) to shake his hand.

She told him: "I want to thank you for restoring pride to my man. He used to come home with tales what went on at Jaguar that made your hair curl. He was fed up and ashamed of working there."

He has already started Jaguar on the long road back to the 24-hour Le Mans race with a win last week over the mighty BMW's in a championship race at Donington.

The return of the glory days when the Big Cat carried the flag successfully on the world's racing circuits is one of his most constant thoughts during early morning runs near his home at Warwick.

Bugner boxed in

Joe Bugner, the boxer, has been asked to agree to the freezing of the purse from his next fight until the completion of maintenance proceedings involving his former wife. It was disclosed in a joint statement issued after a hearing yesterday at Cambridge County Court.

Lecturers agree

Unions representing about 80,000 full-time and many part-time college and polytechnic lecturers yesterday agreed a provisional pay settlement giving increases of 4.5 per cent plus £51 a year. They had claimed increases of 12 per cent plus £280 a year.

Farm strike is rejected

From John Young Agricultural Correspondent, Eastbourne

Farm workers yesterday narrowly rejected a call for strike action if pay talks due to start this month fail to produce a satisfactory settlement.

A motion put to the annual conference of the Agricultural and Allied Workers Trade Group of the Transport and General Workers' Union was defeated by 33-27, with a number of abstentions.

An emergency motion referring to a report in *The Times* yesterday and calling on the Government to refuse to allow consignments of dioxin waste from Seveso, in Italy, into Britain was carried unanimously.

Should there be any attempt, either legal or illegal, to import, other members of the union, including dockers, airport workers, incineration workers and lorry drivers, should refuse to handle it.

The defeat of the call for strike action, although the closest for many years, clearly weakened an earlier demand from the negotiating committee for farmworkers' basic wage to be increased to the average in industry, and for a 35-hour week.

Two amendments to the pay resolution had called for a minimum wage of £120 and £160 respectively, but both were defeated. In moving the resolution, Mr Thomas Daniel, a member of the negotiating committee said it could be hamstrung if tied to a specific figure.

But Mr Barry Salmon, a Suffolk delegate, said there was no doubt that farmers could afford to pay. They were spending proportionately on wages now than they had ever done.

In calling for strike action, especially during the harvest period, Mr Howard Wright, of Wiltshire, said that all the milk tanker drivers he had spoken to had said they would not cross picket lines at farm gates.

TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Rich rewards of a comfortable compromise

David Cross savours low-key luxury in the United Arab Emirates

As the DC10 floats down towards the minarets of Sharjah airport a single white flame punctuates the early morning mist like a huge candle.

The plane is on time, but the mist is too dense at Dubai international airport, our ultimate destination, and we land at Sharjah to wait for it to lift.

More than two hours later, when the rising sun has cleared the air, we take off again, minus a handful of the more impatient passengers.

For one of the shortest commercial flights possible in a long-haul jet, in a land where prestige is more important than money, the building of two major airports just 10 miles apart for no more than a few dozen flights a day is not regarded as extravagant.

Dubai airport, with its plush air-conditioned lounges and row upon row of duty-free shops where a bottle of gin costs just over £1, is almost as magnificent as the mosque-like terminal at Sharjah, although the herds of foreign workers returning from the Indian subcontinent having their baggage searched for drugs present a hurdle for the unwary at immigration and customs.

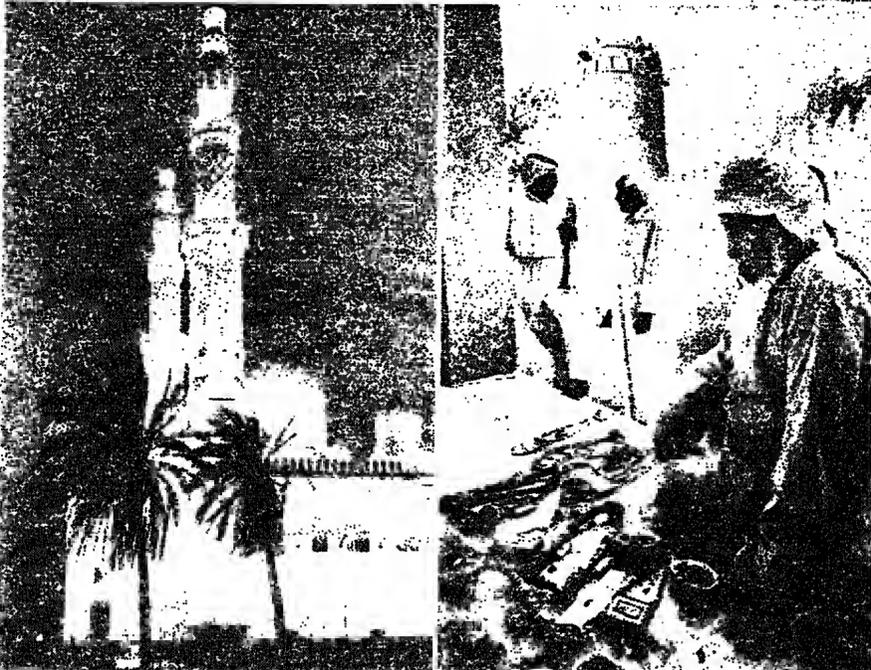
Western Europeans are, however, regarded with less suspicion by the authorities, and within a matter of minutes we glide through the formalities and into a waiting taxi. The air is dry and clear and the temperature pleasantly in the upper seventies.

Dubai and the other emirates, British protectorates until 12 years ago, represent a comfortable compromise between the Islamic fervour of neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and the industrialized western world. A trip, perched on a rough wooden bench on the deck of a tiny motor ferry, along the creek which has always been the centre of Dubai's commercial life highlights the contrast.

On one side an uninterrupted line of modern buildings, mostly banks and other financial institutions, forms a spectacular backdrop to the dozens of dhows, once used to smuggle gold to India but now more likely to ferry electronic gadgets along the Gulf. On a passing ferry, two Arab women in their traditional shrouds slip sporty luminous green plastic sandals next to a pretty young European girl with shapely tanned calves.

Large parts of the old city have, however, been spared the encroachment of high-rise development projects. The old square market, filled with the heady scent of a few lemons and cloves, is just a few paces along a narrow alleyway from the gold market, where Lebanese merchants exchange outmoded styles of jewelry for the latest fashions at little more than the original value of bullion. On the other side of the creek, the original mud dwellings still have their wind towers to deflect the sea breezes to the living quarters below.

The desert along the Gulf coast, where it has not been used for building, is mostly flat



Peace and prosperity: Mosque in Dubai (left) and a jewelry seller who moonlights as a museum nightwatchman

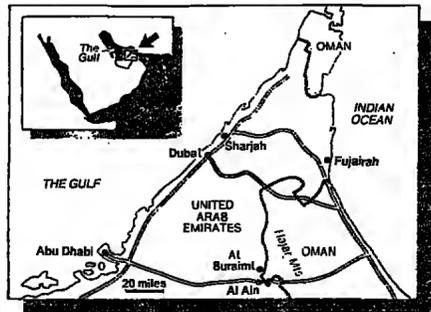
and uninteresting. But it takes just an hour or so driving inland by car or minibus to reach the real deserts of the Arabian peninsula. Huge sand dunes, some nearly 1000ft high, whose shape and colour change constantly as they are subjected to different wind and light conditions, threaten to engulf the fine new metal roads. As the highways are built, saplings are planted along them to hold back the desert, and wire-mesh fences put up to prevent grazing camels getting run over.

Suddenly the desert gives way to a modern township, dominated by the towers and dome of its own miniature mosque and bustling with television aerials. The settlement has been built to house the few remaining groups of wandering bedouin tribesmen.

A few miles further on lies the historic town of Al Ain, once one of the last watering points on the 1,000-mile camel trail route across the Arabian desert, but now a thriving modern metropolis shortly to be blessed with its own Disney-land-type amusement park. Europeans are likely to be more impressed by the Al Buraimi oasis, where water is channelled from the nearby Hajar mountains to irrigate small mud-walled plantations of date and banana palms, by the local camel market or by the Hilli excavations, where remains of monuments and dwellings dating from 2,000 BC have been discovered.

From Al Ain the Hajar mountain range is a pale blue ribbon against the sky, but on closer inspection the rocks are dark and crumbling, broken off by deep wadis where a few clumps of palm cling tenuously to life along the dried-out river beds. A splendid new four-lane highway has recently been completed across the mountains to link the Gulf coast with the Indian Ocean.

Fujairah, one of the poorer emirates and the only one



The best time to visit the UAE is between October and April, before heat and humidity set in. Ten nights (11 days) in a top-class Hilton or Holiday Inn costs from £595, including an economy-class return on British Caledonian between Gatwick and Dubai. Breakfast is usually included.

A hamburger or omelette in a hotel snack bar costs about £3.50 and a full-scale buffet meal between £10 and £12 excluding drink. A meal in a good Lebanese-style restaurant costs about the same. Cars can be hired from £115.50 a week with the benefit of unlimited mileage.

Organized excursions include an overnight safari in the desert complete with camp-fire barbecue and, if you are lucky, a camel ride. Holidays can be tailored to meet individual requirements through the Dubai National Air Travel Agency (DNATA) which has recently opened a London office at 22 Old Bond Street, London W1.

The hotels are half empty much of the time, and the scarcity of other tourists is one of the great attractions of a holiday in the UAE. Another great advantage is the tolerance of the authorities towards western customs such as the wearing of bikinis on the beach and women driving. Off the beaches, however, shorts and provocative apparel should not be worn by either sex.

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Big parties notch up successes

WYRE (C): C 46, Lab 8, L 2, C gain 2 from Ind, 3 from SDP, 1 from C and 1 from L, Lab gain 1 from C and 2 from SDP.
YOEVIL (None): C 20, Lab 1, L 24, SDP 3, Ind 12, L gain 5 from C, 2 from Ind, SDP gain 2 from Ind.
YORK (None): C 7, Lab 6, L 2, C gain 1 from Ind, Lab gain 2 from C, New Council: C 18, Lab 17, L 10, No change.



LOCAL ELECTIONS

Welsh districts

ALYN AND DESIDE (None): Lab 22, C 13, SDP 4, Ind 4, R 1, L 1, Lab gain 1 from L, 1 from R and 1 from C, C gain 1 from R and 1 from L, SDP gain 2 from Ind.
ABERCONWY (Ind): Ind 21, C 12, L 7, Lab 1, L gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
ARFON (Ind): Lab 12, L 2, PC 11, Ind 15, PC gain 3 from Ind, Lab gain 3 from Ind, L gain 1 from Ind.
AFAN (Lab): Lab 24, R 7, Boundary changes.
BRECKNOCK (Ind): Ind 33, Lab 16, L 1, vacant, L gain 1 from Ind.
BLAENAU GWENT (Lab): Lab 37, PC 2, C 1, L 1, R 2, Ind Lab 3, Ind Lab gain 3 from R, 1 from L and 1 from Ind.
COLWYN (None): L 12, C 10, Lab 1, Ind 9, R/Res 2, Boundary changes.
CYNON VALLEY (Lab): Lab 26, PC 6, Ind 5, Comm 1, PC gain 3 from Lab, Ind gain 3 from Lab.
CARDIFF (Lab): C 34, Lab 28, L 3, Boundary changes.
CARMARTHEN (Ind): Ind 28, Lab 6, L 2, L gain 1 from PC and 1 from Ind.
DINEFWY (Lab): Lab 17, Ind 11, PC 4, Lab gain one from Ind.
DWYFOR (None): PC 4, Ind 25, No change.
DELYN (None): C 4, Lab 18, L 3, Ind 13, PC 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab and 1 from L.
GLYNDFWR (Ind): Ind 31, Lab 2, Lab gain 1 from Ind.
LLANELLI (Lab): Lab 27, L 2, Ind 1, Lab gain 3 from Ind, Three seats remain to be decided at by-election because of death of a candidate.
None change.

Welsh districts (cont.)

MONMOUTH (C): C 28, Lab 7, L 7, Ind 2, C gain 4 from Ind and 1 from Lab, L gain 2 from C, Lab gain 1 from SDP and 1 from Ind, Ind gained 1 from C.
NEATH (Lab): Lab 29, PC 2, SDP 1, Ind 2, Boundary changes.
NEWPORT (Lab): Lab 36, C 11, Boundary changes.
PRESELI (None): Ind 41, Lab 3, Lab gain 2 from Ind.
RADNOR (Ind): Ind 33, Boundary changes.
RHONDDA (Lab): Lab 26, Ind 1, PC 2, R 4, Lab gain 1 from Comm, 1 from R, R gained 1 from Lab, PC gain 1 from Lab.
RHYMNEY VALLEY (Lab): Lab 34, PC 9, L 1, Ind 2, R 2, PC gained 1 from Lab, 2 from R.
RHUDDLAN (None): Ind 18, C 9, Lab 1, SDP 2, PC 2, Others 2, Boundary changes.
SWANSEA (Lab): Lab 33, C 16, Ind 1, R 1, C gain 2 from Ind.
SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE (Ind): Ind 25, Lab 4, Lab gain 3 from Ind.
TORFAEN (Lab): Lab 32, C 1, Ind 10, Lab gain 2 from C, 2 from Ind and 2 from SDP.
VALE OF GLAMORGAN (C): C 32, Lab 10, Ind 2, PC 2, Boundary changes.
WREKHAM MAXLOE (None): Lab 22, C 9, L 2, SDP 1, Ind 1, Others 10, Lab gain 2 from SDP and 1 from Ind.
YNYSS MON-ISLE OF ANGLESEA (Ind): Ind 43, Lab 2, Ind gain 1 from Lab.
None change.

Late results

BRECKLAND (C): C 32, Lab 4, L 1, Ind 12, C gain 3 from Ind, Lab gain 2 from C, Ind gain 1 from C.
None change.

Determined independent rides back on 73% poll

By Ronald Farr

Few towns were hit by a more intensive campaign during the district elections than Fimby in West Cumbria, where 73 per cent of the voters turned out.

By rights and all general election signs the small former mining town should be Labour but has been represented on the Allerdale District Council for 19 years by Mr John Renney, a determinedly independent independent who was returned with an increased majority in spite of the fierce campaign by Labour to unseat him.

"Not only did I have the full weight of the socialist party machine working against me, I may be the only independent councillor who had his own MP campaigning against him," Mr Renney said yesterday.

On top of that he faced high local unemployment and a Tory government in its fourth year. "Being independent I am, of course branded as a Tory," he said. He firmly rejected such an idea, saying he was a "non-political fellow" who represented his ward without being dictated to by any political party.

"They pulled out every stop against me and failed. They must be very dejected today," the former council and finance committee chairman said.

Because of the political activity generated by Mr Renney's fight for survival in Fimby, quite as intensive as any general election, there was a high turnout.

The issues were also akin to a general election with unemployment and government restraints on council spending raised more often than "local issues". The return of Mr Renney also meant that Allerdale remains marginally controlled by an alliance of Independents and Tories.

Mr Palms said that in a meeting on Thursday with Mr Boris Pinkin, Soviet Ambassador to Stockholm, he was given the official Soviet reaction to a Swedish protest last month against repeated submarine violations of waters.

Mr Pinkin told him the Soviet Union denied making any such incursions and described Swedish claims that it had done so as "unfriendly". Moscow viewed the Swedish protest with "deep displeasure." "He told me the Soviet Union always respects territorial integrity," Mr Palms said.

Britain's Nato contribution praised

Carrington was the best, Schmidt says

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Lord Carrington was the best Western Foreign Minister of the late 1970s and early 1980s, Herr Heimut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor said in an article published yesterday. He said that Lord Carrington's recent lecture on Western relations with the Soviet Union was a "superb criticism of the political, economic and military medley" of the Atlantic alliance.

In his first article in *Die Zeit* since being made a co-publisher of the influential political weekly, Herr Schmidt, who is still one of West Germany's most popular politicians, praised Britain's important contribution to the Atlantic community.

Despite doubts over the Falklands War and Britain's claims for a rebate from the European Community, the country had contributed to Nato's political continuity, international experience, insight into a policy of the balance of forces and its demands and what Herr Schmidt called in English Britain's "common sense".

Lord Carrington had again shown all these qualities in the Alastair Buchan Memorial Lecture. He had also, building on the until now overwhelmingly successful policy of peace and the indubitable military strength of the alliance, demanded a "positive political strategy in dealings with the Soviet Union". Herr Schmidt commented succinctly: "Quite right".

Herr Schmidt, who more than most statesmen was preoccupied with formulating Western relations with Moscow, distinguished three phases of the Western post-war policy, the last being the strategy of keeping up Western military strength while seeking cooperation and détente with the Soviet Union.

However he voiced strong criticism of the way this policy had been interpreted in practice, especially by recent American Administrations. Since 1975, he said, the hoped-for cooperation had become for many a dirty word (a phrase he also used in English). "Since the beginning of the Carter Administration the consistency and continuity of joint Western strategy has begun to disappear, first slowly and then ever more quickly."

In acid asides Herr Schmidt spoke of America's own strategic thoughts, developed on its own, becoming almost the rule of the strategic understanding with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, in 1982 and what he called "space warfare" in 1983.

Herr Schmidt added: "A new disaster such as the Versailles Summit (no fault of the host) would mean that Williamsburg would be the last meeting of this kind."

He called for a new "grand strategy" of the West towards the East. Debates on it would last many years and would certainly not be decided before the 1984 American elections. But it had to be begun. The West needed in the 1980's a new all-embracing inner consistency.

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Lord Carrington: Positive political strategy.

Botha gets a racial thumbs down

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

South Africa's proposed constitutional reforms, which for the first time would require whites to share some political power with other racial groups, have come under sharp attack from all points of the political compass.

Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, the leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party, which abstained in a division at the first reading on Thursday, said his party's worst fears had been confirmed.

The Constitution Bill, he said, would entrench the dominance of the ruling National Party, preserve existing discriminatory racial laws, and create a new executive president who would be "an autocratic ruler" with extremely wide powers.

By far the most serious flaw in the proposals, however, was the exclusion of 21 million black Africans. No sensible constitutional development was possible "if 70 per cent of the people are excluded from participation in it," Dr Slabbert declared.

Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the far-right Conservative Party, which broke away from the National Party last year over the racial reforms, said the proposals would produce "a coalition government, with conflicting parties, conflicting groups of people and conflicting political goals, in which Indians and (mixed-race) Coloureds would rule over whites".

That was totally unacceptable, he said. The Conservative Party wanted the continuation of "separate development and full self-determination for whites where they can govern themselves in their own country without interference from other population groups."

Both Dr Slabbert and Dr Treurnicht were speaking on Thursday night at political campaign meetings in Transvaal during the final run-up to four crucial by-elections.

The first reaction from the Labour Party, the main Coloured political organization, was more moderate. Its leader, the Rev Allan Heedrickse, said the proposals did "not meet all our demands for the future" but they were at least "a departure from the status quo."

Under the proposals, the 2.7 million Coloureds and 850,000 Indians would be represented along with the country's 4.6 million whites in a parliament composed of three racially exclusive houses elected on separate voters' rolls.

Another prominent Coloured leader, the Rev Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, who is thought to represent a wider spread of Coloured opinion than Mr Heedrickse, saw no reason for optimism however, the Constitution Bill could change nothing and he was "categorically opposed to it."

The most daring aspect of the proposals is that the Cabinet, of which the new executive president would be chairman, would be chosen from all three racial groups. There is a formal sense, therefore, in which Coloureds and Indians could for the first time, in Dr Treurnicht's phrase, "rule over whites."

The system is rigged in such a way, however, that the majority party in the White House will determine who becomes president (the first one is likely to be the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha). It is the president who appoints ministers and gives final assent to legislation.

Don't panic plea over submarine

From Christopher Mossey Stockholm

As the Swedish Navy continued its hunt for two suspected Soviet midget submarines off the east coast city of Sundsvall, Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, appealed for calm at an international press conference in Stockholm.

"We should not panic," he said. "War is not about to start, but it is a serious infringement of our territorial rights and our reaction must be firm."

Mr Palme said that, as yet, the Navy had no proof that the submarines were from the Soviet Union. "I think we must be very careful not to blow this affair out of all proportion."

Meanwhile, Commander Tage Spjlander, naval press spokesman at the search headquarters at Sundsvall, said yesterday that divers had found "no trace of a damaged or sunk midget submarine at the spot on the seabed where two mines were detonated on Wednesday."

Mr Palme said that in a meeting on Thursday with Mr Boris Pinkin, Soviet Ambassador to Stockholm, he was given the official Soviet reaction to a Swedish protest last month against repeated submarine violations of waters.

Mr Pinkin told him the Soviet Union denied making any such incursions and described Swedish claims that it had done so as "unfriendly". Moscow viewed the Swedish protest with "deep displeasure." "He told me the Soviet Union always respects territorial integrity," Mr Palme said.



Air support: With a helicopter hovering overhead, a Swedish coastguard vessel continues the search.

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Cat-and-mouse game with Harare officer

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

One of seven officers of the Zimbabwe Air Force detained in connection with the explosions which crippled the Air Force last July remains in custody although the state has twice withdrawn charges against him of involvement in the sabotage operation.

The case of Lieutenant Nigel Lewis-Walker took a new turn on Tuesday when he was served with a new detention order related to the Thornhill attack, immediately after a state prosecutor had again withdrawn charges against him.

As the date approaches for the trial of the other six detained over the sabotage of a dozen Hawk and Hawker Hunter fighters on July 3 it has been confirmed that Mr Harry Ognall QC, who appeared for the Crown in the trial of Peter Setfield, "the Yorkshire Ripper", will conduct their defence.

Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Slater, Air Commodore Phillip Pile, Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, Wing Commander John Cox, Air Lieutenant

Turkish generals to face EEC wrath

Strasbourg (Reuters)

Europe and embassies General Kenan Evren, the Turkish leader, in the run-up to the first elections since he seized power in 1980.

ANKARA: A total of 20,157 people were in Turkish prisons for terrorism-related crimes at the end of March, according to figures released by the Martial Law Co-ordination Centre here yesterday, Kasit Gunduz writes.

The total includes 690 people kept in pre-trial custody, 12,307 undergoing trial in martial law courts and 7,200 serving sentences.

Dogu Perincek, the party chairman, and 27 other leading members of the banned Workers and Peasants Party of Turkey were sentenced to heavy jail terms by a military court here on Wednesday on charges of "striving to establish the dictatorship of one class over others", a legal formula applied to a wide range of Marxist activities.

WASHINGTON: The Senate foreign relations committee has recommended the granting of \$500m (£330m) in military aid to Greece, and \$715m to Turkey for the fiscal year 1984, AFP reports.

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Ban on pet sales at markets

COMMONS

A Bill to prohibit the sale of animals from barrows or stalls at street markets was one of three backbench measures which completed their passage through the Commons. As it has been through the Lords, it only now awaits royal assent. The other two Bills which have to go through the Lords concern snuff charities and solvent abuse in Scotland.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C), the sponsor in the Commons, said the Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill would restrict, not before time, a ridiculous situation. It had been a crying scandal for many years that there had been a loophole in the 1951 Act which banned the sale of animals from a street or public place but accepted a barrow or market stall.

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said much attention had been focused on the situation at Club Row, but after considering all the evidence the Government was satisfied fresh aspects had come to light in the last year that had proved decisive in deciding whether the measure should reach the statute book.

Miss Fookes, moving the third reading of the Bill, said she had been a member of the unofficial vigilante committees and gone to market on Sundays to try to ensure that the best conditions possible were observed.

Scottish move against solvent abuse

Supportive and easing legislation would help solve the problem of glue sniffing by encouraging youngsters and their parents to seek help for their problems.

Mr John Mackay, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said at first sight banning sales of solvents to children was an attractive proposition but there was a number of difficulties.

However the common law was a more flexible instrument and two Glasgow shopkeepers had been charged at common law with culpably, wilfully and recklessly supplying solvents to children for their amalgamation into neighbourhood hood trusts, received a second reading in the House of Lords.

Councils warned not to back CND campaign

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Director General of Fair Trading did not propose to make Southwick Council's decision to back blackist contractors working at the Greenham Common missile base a subject of formal investigation, Lord Steiner said in the House of Lords at question time.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) asked whether in view of the decision by the council of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to intensify the campaign against Turmac Ltd and other Government contractors at Greenham Common, the Government would indicate what legal and other measures it proposed to take to prevent local authorities from following Southwick's example.

Catching the music pirates

Britain had become Treasure Island for the thieves and pirates, Lord Williams (Lab) said when he successfully moved the second reading of the Copyright (Amendment) (No 2) Bill, which, he said, would plug one or two loopholes in the law on copyright affecting records and music tapes.

It would, he said, widen the scope of the law so that it covered record rental operations and also discouraged manufacturers and distributors from offering machines which could be used for copying other peoples' products and infringing copyright from being offered for sale to the public.

The great increase in piracy had made the need for action more urgent. The Bill was a modest measure designed to plug some of the more obvious loopholes which would help to stem the flow of blood, until more substantial remedies were available. There was

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Liberty has unlocked the door to an amazing Secret Garden in its magnificent Tudor greenhouse—a unique environment in which city gardeners can browse for hours and find everything imaginable in the green-fingered line. The biggest names in gardening have at last come to town. Hardy perennials by Blooms of Bressingham, indoor palms and plants from Thomas Rochford and Bulldog's polished display of garden tools. Gnomes, garden supplies and expert advice abound. Pots and planters are piled high. The greatest looks in garden furniture veer from antique to modern—from Arts & Crafts, Lloyd Loom and Edwardian strapwork to French bistro-style charmers, cool Italian cane chairs and high statted white wood from Chatsworth. Come into the garden, Maud!

Reagan's 'Mr Clean' wins unanimous backing of senators

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Mr William Ruckelshaus, the "Mr Clean" nominated by President Reagan to take over the beleaguered Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), yesterday had his appointment unanimously approved by 14 members of the Senate environment committee. His nomination now goes to the Senate floor, where he is expected to win easy confirmation next week.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who was the agency's first administrator during the early 1970s, was brought in by President Reagan two months ago after the resignation of Mrs Anne Burford, whose two-year term at the EPA had been wracked by controversy.

At the time of her resignation no fewer than six congressional and FBI investigations were under way into charges of mismanagement, political manipulation and "sweetheart" deals at the agency. Seven other senior EPA officials have either resigned or been dismissed during the past three months.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who resigned a \$220,000 (£150,000) a year job with a timber firm to take up the \$70,000 post, said during the committee hearings this week that his main reason for accepting the President's invitation was to repair damage done to the agency over the past two years.

He said he would move aggressively to clean up toxic

waste sites without waiting to determine who would bear the costs. This marks a change from the policy followed under Mrs Burford when the EPA tried to negotiate settlements with polluting companies rather than using the agency's \$1,600m "superfund" to clean up waste dumps.

Senator Robert Stafford said Mr Ruckelshaus's appointment was "the first important step in the effort to restore the confidence of the American people and of Congress in the Environmental Protection Agency."

NEW YORK: Two nuclear power plants in the heart of a dense urban area 35 miles north of New York will be shut soon unless "significant deficiencies" in emergency plans are overcome, Christopher Thomas writes.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it would issue a closure order by June 9 unless it discovered "compelling" reasons to keep the plants open. After two years of drills and discussions, the plant operators have failed to satisfy the commission that they have a workable plan to evacuate 228,000 people who live near by.

The reactors are at Indian Point, Buchanan, beside the east bank of the Hudson River. It is a heavy commuter area. If they close it will be the first time the commission has hated

a working nuclear plant because of inadequate evacuation plans.

In that event, sufficient power could probably be drawn from other sources to prevent blackouts in New York, but the cost of electricity would rise. The Consolidated Edison Company for Indian Point, the operators, put the cost to consumers at \$482m a year.

Opponents of the plants, however, say domestic electricity bills would increase by no more than 1 per cent over 15 years.

More than 30 years ago the Consolidated Edison Company began studying the possibility of generating electricity with atomic energy. It bought the present site and immediately a long chapter of problems and controversy began.

The cost soared. Congress was told of dead fish in the Hudson. One plant was ordered temporarily shut because of defects. Indian Point became an important focus of national antinuclear protests. A second plant was ordered temporarily shut, then a third.

The worst blow came in March, when the Federal Emergency Management Agency concluded after watching a safety drill that the area around Indian Point was not prepared for a nuclear accident. The safety of 288,000 people, it said, "cannot be assured."

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No decision is a good decision as the President keeps everyone guessing

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Nothing illustrates the differences between the British and American political systems more dramatically than the way the two countries choose their leaders.

It is quite likely there will be a general election in Britain within the next two months, yet the election campaign has not even begun - at least not officially.

In the United States the 1984 presidential election is still more than 18 months away, yet six Democratic hopefuls have already declared their candidacy and in practical terms the field is now closed. The Rev Jesse Jackson, the radical black leader, may still decide to throw his hat in the ring, but this would be more a symbolic gesture than a serious attempt for the party's nomination.

What the Democrats are now waiting for is a clear signal from the White House that President Reagan intends to seek a second term. So far, however, although the conventional wisdom in Washington is that he will decide to run, the President has deliberately avoided taking a firm decision.

One reason for his political obfuscation is to keep the Democrats guessing for as long as possible. The candidate they eventually select will to a considerable extent be determined by whether he will be challenging Mr Reagan, Vice-President George Bush, or one of a handful of other Republican aspirants whose political ambitions are being kept in

check by the uncertainty of the President's intentions.

But there are other reasons for the President staying his hand, and he will probably continue to do so at least until Labour Day (September 5). A declaration that he will not run again would definitely weaken his hand in future arms talks with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, and in the Middle East negotiations with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Thatcher meeting

Mrs Thatcher will have bilateral talks with President Reagan at the White House on May 27, midway through the Western economic summit at Williamsburg. While in Washington she will also receive an award from the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States, Downing Street said yesterday.

In this context it is interesting to note that when Mr Reagan was trying to persuade King Hussein of Jordan to participate in Middle East peace negotiations, he assured him, according to a lengthy report in the *Wall Street Journal*, "We will be partners for six more years."

An early announcement would also damage Mr Reagan's chances of negotiating compromises with the Democrats on tax, spending and other domestic issues.

Finally, it is in his interests to put off as long as possible the frictions which inevitably occur between the White House and a President's reelection committee. Rival factions within the White House are already thinking how best to approach next year's election.

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Bad week for gaffes from White House

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Reagan, who has never been one of the most demagogic of men when appearing on public platforms with a text, has dropped some particularly bad clangers this week.

On Thursday, on his way to San Antonio, Texas, the President inadvertently gave the impression that an agreement at the medium-range missile talks in Geneva might be just around the corner after the new proposal made by Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader. He told a local radio station that he could "approve" Mr Andropov's proposal if it was genuine and not propaganda.

A few minutes later, he acknowledged that he should not have gone further than a statement he had made the previous day, when he said he would give the Soviet offer serious consideration.

"Maybe I have given people the wrong impression by using the word 'approve'," he said. He certainly would have done so if that remark had not been quickly retracted. For, although the United States has welcomed part of Mr Andropov's offer, it has strongly rejected his insistence that British and French nuclear systems be included in any agreement on medium-range missiles.

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Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said on a radio programme last night that the plan "does not tackle the real hemorrhage, the real bleeding of the Community, which is the very high expenditure on farm subsidies, export subsidies and so on."

It was clear that the Government is planning to stick to its refusal to lift the 1 per cent ceiling on the value-added tax funds that member states pay as a bargaining position from which it can demand a tighter rein on farm spending.

Nevertheless, the Foreign Office is confident that an agreement in principle can be reached in Stuttgart on a long-term solution.

Mr Hurd: Plan does not tackle real problem.

Court halts publication of Australia's secret files

From Our Correspondent, Melbourne

The Australian Government acted yesterday to stop the weekly newspaper *The National Times* from publishing further extracts from secret files which allegedly came from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). It sought a High Court interim injunction, which was granted shortly after midnight, stopping further publication.

Australian intelligence agencies face a witch hunt after the publication yesterday of the extracts. Last night, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, confirmed that some of the published allegations were correct.

The leaking of the documents, which are believed to cover the activities of ASIO, the Joint Intelligence Organisation which has links with British and American intelligence agencies and other intelligence organisations, has been described by one Canberra source as a massive breach of security.

Mr Hawke said in Canberra that the allegations concerned the "greatest issues of Australia's international relationships and domestic security considerations".

While not conceding that all the allegations were accurate, he admitted that some were. Asked how such a mass of material got into the hands of *The National Times*, the Prime Minister said: "No, we don't know, but clearly, as I am indicating, we are taking steps to try and find out."

The injunction will stop *The National Times* from publishing further extracts.

Mr Hawke acted after consulting Mr Andrew Peacock, the

Leader of the Opposition. Mr Peacock said: "I fully support what the Government has done."

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Sign of success: Mr George Shinitz (right) and Mr Philip Habib after Israel's agreement to withdraw its troops.

Nicaragua seeks UN help

From Zoriana Fysarkewsky, New York

A complaint by Nicaragua that it is the victim of invasions from anti-government forces, inspired and sustained by the United States, is to be considered by members of the United Nations Security Council for the second time in as many months.

In a letter to Mr Umba di Lutete of Zaire, the president of the council, Schor Rigo Tino, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, underscored the urgent need that he expected the council to take concrete measures to stem the incursions and rein in the Reagan Administration's plans to continue to destabilize the Sandinista Government.

The request follows a large-scale incursion by rebel forces from Honduras into northern areas of Nicaragua and President Reagan's admission that the United States is supporting "freedom fighters" opposed to the ruling Nicaraguan junta by giving warning that any efforts by Congress to stem such

support would be setting a dangerous precedent by hampering the powers of the executive office.

The reasons behind the timing of Nicaragua's call for a council meeting are two-fold. While international support for efforts to alleviate its plight were overwhelming in March when the council last met on the issue, President Reagan has now inadvertently provided the Sandinista Government with formidable ammunition in its case against the United States.

Nicaragua is also seeking to infuse new momentum in the negotiations of the Contadora group of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, which has been overshadowed by American intentions to step directly into the escamaking process. On Thursday Costa Rica announced that it would issue an appeal to Organization of American States for the setting up of a peace-keeping force to patrol its joint border with Nicaragua.

Senior Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Secretary General, made clear at a press conference that the United Nations considered the Sandinista the legal government of Nicaragua. When asked about President Reagan's statement, he said: "He has his opinion, I have mine."

SAN HOSE: Rebel Nicaraguan forces turned over a captured Sandinista officer to the International Red Cross on the Costa Rican border on Thursday, rebel officials here said, according to AP.

They identified him as 2nd Lieutenant Danilo Lugo Davila.

LONDON: Oxfam, the international relief organization, is pulling one of its workers out of Nicaragua after his Jeep was fired on by anti-government forces. Mr John Howard, aged 25, a water engineer from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, was unhurt but badly shaken in the attack earlier this month.

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Jews upset by media 'distortion'

By Edward Mortimer

There is "virtual unanimity" among British Jews that Israel's actions in Lebanon last year were "justified and distorted by the media throughout the world", according to Mr William Frankel, a former editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*.

Mr Frankel made the remark on Thursday night when opening a symposium organized in London by the Institute of Jewish Affairs to discuss "the media and the war in Lebanon". His statement was, however, hotly contested by some Jewish members of the audience.

Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a lecturer in politics at Oxford University, said he believed the Western press had been misled, and that most of the criticisms of Israel in the British press had appeared also in the Israeli press. But this was clearly a minority view among the Jewish audience.

Mr Melvin Lasky, editor of *Encounter*, said his criticisms of the media were not based on Jewish sentiments or a Jewish defence of Israel, but on analysis of a very challenging and important political and moral phenomenon.

He said a study of the press not only in Britain but in the United States and Germany had led him to the conclusion that there were "patterns of such bias, such antipathy as to become a major phenomenon".

Mr Lasky was particularly critical of Robert Fisk, the *Times* Middle East correspondent. He described the award of a prize to Dr Fisk for his coverage of the Lebanese war as "one of the most irresponsible acts of journalism in our time".

But Dr Fisk was vigorously defended by Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the chief executive of Channel Four, who described him as "one of the best journalists I have the privilege of reading in the press, and one who tells me more about what is going on in the Arab world than anybody else I can think of."

Britain cool to changes in budget

By Patricia Clough

The Government reacted with marked coolness yesterday to the European Commission's proposals for solving the EEC's budget problem. But, officials said, an agreement in principle between heads of government at the Stuttgart summit next month was still possible.

The proposals to increase the Community's financial resources, while reducing the proportion spent on agriculture, is "a step in the right direction, but it does not go nearly far enough".

The revenue paid in by member states from value-added tax would increase from 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent, while only 33 per cent of the total budget - compared with 6.5 per cent at present - would be used to support agriculture. Further funds would be raised according to criteria weighted against the more agriculture-oriented countries.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said on a radio programme last night that the plan "does not tackle the real hemorrhage, the real bleeding of the Community, which is the very high expenditure on farm subsidies, export subsidies and so on."

It was clear that the Government is planning to stick to its refusal to lift the 1 per cent ceiling on the value-added tax funds that member states pay as a bargaining position from which it can demand a tighter rein on farm spending.

Nevertheless, the Foreign Office is confident that an agreement in principle can be reached in Stuttgart on a long-term solution.

EEC asks Argentina to explain disappearances

Bonn (Reuters) - The European Community demanded further explanations from Argentina's military rulers yesterday for the disappearance of thousands of people during the past eight years.

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100 police injured in Paris riots

Paris (AFP, Reuters) - One hundred police were injured in Thursday night's clashes with students, according to official figures released yesterday on the latest of several days of protests against a new higher education Bill.

The violence erupted between several hundred helmeted students, some armed with petrol bombs, charged the police at the end of a peaceful gathering of 8,000 students. Police responded by firing tear gas.

Farmers who were protesting against foreign meat imports released animals near the Eiffel Tower. Wine dealers jammed Paris traffic by driving delivery lorries deliberately slowly to protest against restriction on wine prices.

Missing engine seals caused airliner plunge

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A jet airliner without engine power plunged four miles to within 2,800ft of ditching in the ocean near Miami on Wednesday. Then, the tail engine developed just enough thrust for the pilot to make a shaky but safe landing.

There were 172 people onboard as it fell from the sky. Captain Dick Boddy had already told them to "be ready to open the doors and hit the water."

The drama began soon after takeoff from Miami to Nassau, Bahamas, when the pilot shut down the tail engine because of dangerously low oil pressure. Then the pressure fell in the two other engines.

Cabin staff were ordered forward, told what was happening as the aircraft turned for home, then began to get everybody ready for a crash landing. Soon afterwards both wing engines failed at 23,000ft.

There was apparently a great deal of screaming and pleading but in the end no real panic.

The cause of the near-disaster was missing oil seals that are routinely removed during maintenance. Somebody forgot to put them back, according to Eastern Airlines.

Poles defiant at burial of May Day victim

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The funeral of a young Pole killed during May Day demonstrations turned yesterday into a determined pro-Solidarity rally, with several hundred mourners chanting anti-government slogans.

Ryszard Smagorz, a printer, aged 29, was killed in Nowa Huta while demonstrations were raging in the southern steel city. The circumstances of his death are not clear. According to one version, he was walking with his wife and child near the scene of the riots and was hit in the throat by a missile, probably a tear gas canister.

Many of the mourners seemed convinced he was a victim of police action. One wailed: "To our friend killed by Zomos (riot police) on the first of May - from your friends in Nowa Huta."

As the coffin was carried to the grave, mourners made victory signs and chanted "Solidarity, Solidarity". Overhead, a helicopter hovered and was met with shouts of "Here comes the crow" (slang for Military Council).

The atmosphere was bitter. A friend of the dead man said at the graveside: "We deeply believe that your death at such a young age will not be in vain. It will serve as a lesson to all young people." The crowd left quietly after the burial.

The Communist Party newspaper, *Trybuna Ludu*, has published an unusually sharp attack on Mr Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarity.

Top Italian politician dies at 57

Rome (Reuters) - Signor Tommaso Morino, the Italian Senate leader, who held consultations earlier this week towards forming a new government, collapsed and died at his home yesterday after suffering a suspected heart attack.

Signor Morino, aged 57, who was the Christian Democrat Senate leader since December, was asked by President Pertini on Monday to consult the country's political leaders about the possibility of forming a new government.

Signor Amintore Fanfani, the outgoing Prime Minister, and President Pertini went to Signor Morino's home as soon as they heard of his illness.

27 arrested in Mafia swoop

Rome (AP) - Police yesterday announced the arrest of 27 Mafia and Camorra suspects in several cities overnight in a crackdown on organized gangs.

They said they were seeking six members of the Camorra, the Naples Mafia-type underworld gang, including a sister of Raffaele Cutolo, who heads a leading Camorra faction.

Thirteen Camorra suspects were rounded up in Rome, Naples, Salerno and Avellino, police said. The remaining 14 all Mafia suspects, were arrested in Reggio Calabria and Turin.

Hungry Africa

Rome (Reuters) African countries could need a substantial increase in food aid this year after unfavourable growing conditions for the second year running, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Last year Africa imported 23.9 million tonnes of food.

New archbishop

Santiago - The Pope announced yesterday that Cardinal Raul Silva Henríquez would be replaced by Bishop Juan Francisco Fresno, aged 69, as the new Archbishop of Santiago. Cardinal Silva Henríquez played a leading role in defending human rights.

Ojukwu wins

Mr Odunsgwa Ojukwu, the former Biafran leader, who has had an injunction, which threatened to prevent him from leaving for a Senate seat, lifted by the Nigerian High Court. Mr Ojukwu returned to Nigeria last June after more than 12 years in exile.

Disaster nation

Bangui (AFP) - The military Government in the Central African Republic has officially designated the whole country a disaster zone after three months of unprecedented drought and called for "urgent aid massive" international help.

La Paz protest

La Paz (Reuters) - Police firing water cannon and tear gas dispersed 200 civil servants demonstrating outside the Bolivian Parliament in support of demands for a law allowing them to form their own union.

Mayors unite

Brussels - All 19 mayors in the Brussels area have called on the Belgian Government to bring in tough regulations to stop illegal immigration and to offer repatriation to any migrants who want to leave the country.

Coalinga aid

San Antonio (Reuters) - President Reagan has issued a disaster declaration authorizing the use of federal funds for relief work in the earthquake-shattered Californian oil town of Coalinga.

MP stops play

Harare (AFP) - Mr Herbert Ushewokanzu, Zimbabwean Home Affairs Minister, ordered the police to stop an important football match in Bulawayo at short notice because it conflicted with a workers' day rally which he was addressing.

Date for Kohl

Bonn - Chancellor Kohl is to spend four days in talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow from July 4 to July 8, it was announced here. The trip was originally planned for two days.

Setting sun

The eastern Caribbean islands of St Christopher and St Nevis now look set to become fully independent of British rule later this year after a government order was passed by the Commons without a vote.

Brazil-Libya rift widens

Brasilia (Reuters) - The ton of arms and explosives he sent back in the four Libyan aircraft Brazil detained on April 16. Brazil insists the arms will be returned separately.

The Brazilian Foreign Ministry issued a statement rejecting a demand by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, that the 52

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THE ARTS

Radio

Going a step further

A second airing of In the Psychiatrist's Chair (Radio 4, Wednesdays)...

But perhaps the point has now gone home that this is a most compelling and even, I think, a valuable form of broadcasting...

Women are often able to articulate better than men

one has never heard of and over will because they are anonymous. In six half-hour conversations with Peter France...

Last week's subject, whose husband had quite suddenly and, to her, quite unexpectedly got up and left her...

David Wade

Dance

The importance of atmosphere

Swan Lake Covent Garden

To prevent confusion: the Royal Ballet company that usually plays at Covent Garden is on tour in the Far East...

Having drawn attention to the greater dramatic cogency of this staging when it was first given, let me concentrate on the effect of putting it on this stage...

The six great pillars of his permanent structure still dominate, transformed by different details...

many of the women in the company had never worn a tutu on stage. Now they have had the chance to grow into the romantic-classic style and show that they can do it well.

The other important point is how good the company as a whole looks. That is only partly the result of being boused in an unaccustomed splendour...

Far Above Rubies The Drill Hall

The women rose up and struck in righteous anger at the gods of Judaism and Islam - and with good cause if the case histories presented in Julia Pascal's play...

David Wade

Television

Falling off the moon

Not all the men who have been elevated into space have been elevated emotionally by the experience in the long run. Some have suffered breakdowns, others have disappeared into a fundamentalism that seems the opposite of a technological breakthrough...

Chuck Miller, "Smiling Chuck" to his NASA colleagues, has walked the moon. Back on earth he stops smiling, finding himself on the public-relations circuit, the astronaut's equivalent to being out to pasture...

The first chore he finds tedious and that precludes the second course. Questioners at his lectures are not reaching for the moon but wondering how he went to the loo there. He calculates that one of the 36,000 hands he has shaken has been at all changed by what he and his colleagues did.

He wants the meaning to match the experience but it does not and his increasing moroseness affects his relationships with his wife and daughter and sours his superiors...

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

The Underwater World of Al Giddings (tomorrow, BBC 2, 7.55 pm) immediately precedes the re-run of Robert Hughes's horizon-extending essays about modern art...

Derek Bailey's marathon, Music in Time (tomorrow, Channel 4, 7.15 pm), now a quarter through its 16-week run, is not pandering to popular taste. Quite right, too. There are plenty of other music programmes happy to do that...

Peter Davalle

Theatre

Universe who has not made me a woman" - is the starting point for an attack on the chauvinistic Judaeo-Christian God...

This does not, however, sustain the evening which is unevenly mixed with facetious allegories about Adam and Eve, or Sarah and Abraham...

John Percival

Clare Colvin

Sorsa leads coalition for fourth time

Finland's new four-party centre coalition headed by Mr Kalevi Sorsa democratic leader, was sworn in yesterday. This is the fourth time that Mr Sorsa has led Finland's Government.

The coalition parties control 123 of Parliament's 200 seats. The previous government, also led by Mr Sorsa, resigned after the parliamentary elections in March, and then functioned as a caretaker government.

The coalition parties drew up a loosely-worded coalition programme. It is based on a sombre realization that the economic situation does not leave much room to manoeuvre, and that on new costly initiatives can be contemplated, at least for the next two years.

Socialists still call the tune

From Richard Wigg Madrid

In municipal elections tomorrow Spain's Socialist Government is expected to consolidate at local level the power it won nationally for the first time in almost 40 years in last October's general election.

On the same day the voters in a second ballot in 13 new autonomous regions will be deciding whether they also want Socialist majorities in regional parliaments for the next four years.

If the electors agree - and three recent public opinion polls all suggest the Socialist party will obtain about 45 per cent of the popular vote - the Socialists will wield remarkable influence in Spain's still very new democratic institutions.

Spanish cities go to polls

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The decision of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome was taken after many warnings from the office of the Archbishop of Siena against Signor Babbini, a faith healer who is accused of having challenged the authority of the Pope and the bishops.

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Law Report May 7 1983 Court of Appeal

Injuries claim limited by air convention

Goldman v Thai Airways International Ltd

Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Purchas

The article contained an exception from liability in the case of an act done for justifiable cause. There might be occasions when no act could be said to be done recklessly in regard to one possible kind of damage although morally wholly justified as the price of averting some other more serious hurt.

The damage referred to something which resulted from the omission. For the pilot's omission to amount to recklessness it was necessary to show that damage would result from his omission.

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Excommunication spells end for sect

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Tanzania seizes 25 British Asians

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Members of the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi Party. Of this total, 25 hold British passports. They are all thought to be Asians since Asians have been singled out for special attention in the drive against black marketeers, smugglers and currency manipulators.

No copyright breach

From Peter Nichols, Rome

His Lordship said it was well established that copyright could exist where, in a detailed drawing, dimensions and writing on the drawings were used to interpret a copyright drawing, but it would be turning that principle on its head to say that if there was artistic copyright in a very rudimentary pictorial representation of a metal table there would be copyright in the table of statistics also.

THE TIMES DIARY

Off-on Bach?

Arrangements for Sir Lennox Berkeley's eightieth birthday concert, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall next Saturday, are becoming moko agitata.

Acid test

The Department of the Environment has decided to set aside nearly £500,000 this year for research into acid rain.

The service list for the chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, tomorrow evening states: 'In tomorrow's anthem will be "I was glad."

Broke, mouldy?

The compiler of Camden SDP's newsletter claims to have seen this graffiti at a railway station: "The Tories are the cream of society - rich, thick, and full of clots."

My word!

My confidence in your omniscience was fully justified. I was supplied with the word which means "carousing of seamen on icebound ships" within a minute of entering my office yesterday morning.

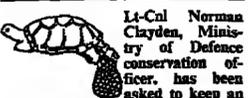
BARRY FANTONI



"I do hope, Tamsin, this doesn't herald yet another Sixties revival"

Cop that

During the final of the Police Athletic Association football championship in Belfast, a Metropolitan police officer knocked an RUC constable to the ground and kicked him in the stomach.



Lt-Cnl Norman Clayden, Ministry of Defence conservation officer, has been asked to keep an eye on hundreds of lovebird green turtles which mate and lay their eggs on Ascension. Military activities on the island have arranged a wire fence corridor that funnels expectant mothers to a safer part of the beach.

PHS

Even the omens don't know

by David Butler

If Mrs Thatcher asks for a dissolution next week she will be going to the country from a stronger position than any prime minister since the war.

The Alliance has the most lightly rooted support of all the parties but it still has the potential to flower or to fade spectacularly during the three weeks of a general election campaign.

To make these points is not to predict disaster for Mrs Thatcher. Ladbroke's quote 100 to 1 against her winning a 200 majority (the largest margin since 1935).

The television networks offered three different translations of how Thursday's voting could apply to the new-drawn parliamentary constituencies.

MARGINALS, 1979-83

Table with columns for Con, Lab, Alliance and rows for Birmingham, Halifax, Leicester East, Southampton, Ipswich, Walsell South, Calder Valley, Manchester, Wetherington, Peterborough, Bury South, Cambridge, Penrith.

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KEY DISTRICTS 1979-83

Table with columns for Con, Lab, Lib and rows for Liverpool, Newcastle, Birmingham, Derby, Oxford, Gillingham.

The imperfect dream: a return passage to India

by Enoch Powell

I never read A Passage to India until last year, at a great distance therefore of time and circumstance from the years either of its composition or of the huge popularity which it enjoyed immediately after its publication in 1924.

Forster was in India for five months in 1912-13 and for nine months in 1921, mainly in the United Provinces (Uttar Pradesh) and Bihar, and in the state of Dewas Senior.

I was in India as an officer (British service, General Staff, Lieutenant-colonel to brigadier) for two years and a half, from August 1943 to February 1946. It was at my own desire (as often happens in the British Army in wartime) that I went east after two years' service in the Middle East and North Africa Commands.

I saw this as just a stepping-stone to the Far East; but by the time Lord Mountbatten in 1944 moved South-East Asia Command HQ from Delhi to Kandy (Sri Lanka) had fallen, it was hopeless, and helplessly in love with India, and I refused a transfer to Mountbatten's staff.

The love affair started on my first night in India, which I passed in my valise on a platform at Delhi railway station. With the sights, the sounds and the odours I drew in a new intimacy. For the next two years and a half I studied, enquired and read voraciously about India.

On short leaves my bear and I put our bicycles in the luggage van and might have been in a picnic in silhouette cycling in single file along a bund somewhere in the U.P. or Gujarat. He was a tall, solemn Poonchi, whom I remember on the day I left India for home bursting into tears which trickled slowly down his long beard.

No man can see India in ten or twenty times as long as I was there. But I was fortunate, though huge areas remained blank on my map, to

cross and re-cross the sub-continent from Rawalpindi to Akyab in Burma, from Karachi to Dacca, from Madras to Darjeeling; and not the least rewarding months were those when I wrote - all but single-handed - the report of the Committee on the Post-War Indian Army, the army that was to be torn in two, to whose last commander-in-chief, Auchinleck, I gave my own copy thirty years later.

That impression was initially one of repugnance at a representation so patently and grossly distorted. N. C. Chandhuri was near the mark when he associated the book with "the growth of that mood which enabled the British people to leave India with an almost Platonic gesture of washing their hands of a disagreeable affair."

I found the hint pregnant. In fact, the army, British or Indian, and soldiers in general, are totally absent from the Passage. If Pierre Loti's India was Les Indes sans Anglais, Forster's India is India without the army.

Two great causes enforced the situation described in Fielding's aphorism. In the first place, the totally different social conventions governing the life of Indian women, Muslim and to a lesser degree Hindu, raised between them and European women (and therefore European mixed society) a barrier to which no obstacle between European and Indian men was in any way comparable.

Only outside the bounds of mixed society - in the camp, on tour, or when, as in wartime, medicine or missionary work, performing analogous roles to men - would the European woman ever be in India other than a stranger at a distance in a strange land.

The word I constantly recur to when I attempt to describe the atmosphere up to a mere fifteen months of the sudden (and catastrophic) British withdrawal in 1947 is "inevitability".

Dr Aziz and the officer played a chukka of polo together, "the fire of good fellowship in their eyes"; but Forster could not leave it so. "Nationality had returned, but before it could exert its poison [my italics] they parted, saluting each other, "if only they were all like that," each thought.

anywhere. The Alliance vote in David Owen's Devonport (24 per cent), Bob Mitchell's Ichen (18 per cent), and David Ginsburg's Dewsbury (15 per cent) can hardly encourage the SDP MPs.

In the private Alliance quarrel in Liverpool, the Liberals outpolled the SDP by 15 to one in the six wards where they fought each other, but where they fought the SDP, allowing nationally even the SDP, allowing for the number of defectors standing again in safe Labour seats, made a small advance while the Liberals have more councillors than at any point since the war.

The North-South difference was once more in evidence, as this table shows: % swing from Conservative to Labour 1979-83 +1.9 +3.5 -2.2 1982-83 +2.4 +3.5 -0.3

It is notable that the Midlands has moved even further against Mrs Thatcher than the North. But it is not a uniform movement - as illustrated by the voting changes in the table of six districts.

As Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues pour over Central Office's computer analyses this weekend it is to be doubted whether they will feel much wiser. They may be a bit worried at a few of the Alliance advances and at their failure to realize to the full the hopes the opinion polls may have given them, but in the 1980s electioneering will be an ever more uncertain sport.

The balance is now tipping towards restriction. Since John Osman of the BBC left Moscow in December to join the royal entourage as court correspondent, the BBC has made repeated efforts to persuade the Russians to accept a new Moscow correspondent. The Russians have repeatedly refused. They will grant occasional visas to visiting BBC men but they will not have Mark Braine, who is at present the BBC correspondent in Vienna, possibly because he is too well informed about Eastern Europe.

The BBC case is one of a number of recent attempts by the Andropov regime to direct to western news organizations whom they may or may not send to Moscow. The Kremlin is placing the western press under siege, and Britain appears to be a particular target. Of the major national dailies, The Guardian has no Moscow office. Last month the Financial Times correspondent, Tony Robinson, was expelled on a charge of "unacceptable activities" - evidently the Russian euphemism for telling the truth. Now comes the final blow to the BBC.

British newsmen are not the only target. The foreign editor of Le Monde, Jacques Amaric, explained in a lengthy article last month why the paper was refusing to offer an alternative candidate for Moscow correspondent. Le Monde, a liberal paper widely read by the French establishment, has had no Moscow coverage for more than a year. The correspondent of the American magazine Newsweek was expelled. Like most of the others of whom the Kremlin disapproves, he had extensive experience of Eastern Europe, and in particular of Poland.

All western newsmen are assumed to be intelligence-gatherers, presumably because the majority of Soviet journalists are expected to report to the KGB. The assumption that reporting and news analysis are virtually inseparable from spying is widely held in the Third World. Western journalists in Moscow have to report under difficult conditions. There is a dearth of information of all kinds, and no regular briefings or press conferences.

Keith Waterhouse Carrie on with the faking

Move over, David Irving. I have made the momentous discovery that one of the greatest diaries in the English language is, if not an out-and-out fake, then at best substantially doctored.

I refer to the celebrated journal of that bon vivant and wit of The Laurels, Brickfield Terrace, Holloway, Mr Charles Footter, as immortalized by the Brothers Grossmith in The Diary Of A Nobody.

It happens that I have been preparing for publication at Christmas under the title Mrs Footter's Diary, the hitherto unknown (but fully authenticated) journal of Mr Footter's long-suffering wife Carrie, which effectively holds up a distaff mirror to the record as set down in his clerical copperplate.

Now I had long suspected that Charles Footter somewhat tampered his account of life in the lower foothills of Victorian society to put himself in a better light. So it proves. Mrs Footter's version of the Lord Mayor's Ball fiasco, for example (in which, incidentally, we learn the real truth of how the poor-wine stain got on the invitation card) differs materially from his. Elsewhere - notably the period covering his frustrated ambition to breed Belgian Hare rabbits - there are prudent blanks in the Footter chronicle, which Carrie Footter now gleefully fills in.

Such minor cosmetic sins of omission and commission, understandable in a man of vanity, were to be expected. What I did not bargain for was bare-faced hanky-panky. Yet as, for purposes of comparison, I began to re-examine The Diary Of A Nobody more closely, it became clear that something was seriously amiss.

The Diary first appeared in book form in 1892, greatly expanded from extracts which had appeared in Punch. It covers nearly 16 months, though with frequent gaps of days or even weeks, the longest being the period between August 29 and October 30 when the charwoman Mrs Birrell (sometimes spelled Mrs Birrel) tore out a handful of pages as wrapping for kitchen linings.

Although the year chronicled is not given, an entry will sometimes identify the particular day of the week, usually the Sabbath. Comparison of the earliest such entry ("April 8 SUNDAY: The Curate...") with his foot in the scapular, has exactly the same attitude to the western press. It hazes it, but finds it useful to channel and amplify Soviet aims and attitudes. The Kremlin therefore strikes a balance between restriction and toleration.

The discrepancy - which has been overlooked in edition after edition by generations upon generations of readers - must throw doubt on the authenticity of the whole volume. If the Footter diary is not a forgery through and through, then there can be only one respectable explanation. Charles Footter did keep a daily diary, but he considerably revised it after covertly examining his wife's own secret diary, suppressing, recasting or fudging those passages that most blatantly did not square with Mrs Footter's more candid account of his doings. In his haste - it was probably a paste-and-scissors job - he got some of his dates mixed up.

Such, anyway, is my theory. Footter scholars will suspend judgment until they have been able to examine Mrs Footter's diary. In The Mood, published on Monday by Michael Joseph, price £7.95.

are held. Routine telephone inquiries are met by a baffled silence. ("Yes, this is the Central Committee. No, I cannot tell you anything at all.") Correspondents have to judge where the truth lies - from Politburo changes to likely shifts in arms policy - by cultivating contacts, reading between the lines, and weighing up rumour against precedents and inside knowledge. There is no overt censorship, but all articles are carefully scrutinized, with expulsion as the ultimate sanction. Western journalists are frequently warned of the perils of commenting on the health of Soviet life: it is negative, it must be reported as such. The Kremlin may wish to disguise the dead hand of the police state on foreign policy, daily life, and the economy. But western newsmen are expected to report these realities as well as the warmth, humanity and engaging off-beat behaviour of the Russian people.

Presumably, the Russians hope that a rapid turn-over of relatively "green" reporters will enable them to confuse the western press and hence western readers. This is a sad delusion. For one thing, Moscow is the one world capital where all foreign correspondents - even the French - cooperate closely with one another. For another, experienced correspondents actually help the Kremlin by making lurid Pravda and Tass articles digestible and biterate for western consumption. When Mr Andropov wants to get his views across, he frequently does so through the western media, as he did last month by calling in the West German magazine, Der Spiegel.

The Kremlin and the press need each other, and it is short-sighted of the Russians to upset what Dr Henry Kissinger used to call an "adversarial relationship". The dwindling band of British correspondents in Moscow will continue to report a fascinating mixture of shambles and achievement which is Soviet Russia, and in doing so may still help to break down the kind of mystery and myth which leads to misunderstanding and miscalculation. The main loser is Mr Andropov, who for the time being at least will not be able to find out what is going on in his own country by tuning in to the BBC.

Richard Owen

Andropov, victim of his own news squeeze

Shortly before being posted to Moscow, I went to see Malcolm Muggeridge. He had reported from Russia for the Manchester Guardian in the 1930s, and suggested that the Soviet leadership may have exactly the same attitude to the western press. It hazes it, but finds it useful to channel and amplify Soviet aims and attitudes. The Kremlin therefore strikes a balance between restriction and toleration.

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TIME TO DECIDE

The local election results are in. They may be open to a variety of interpretations, but there is nothing in them which can provide any convincing evidence to dissuade the Prime Minister from a June election if that is her intention. It is very hard to see how it could not be her intention, given the fact that she has not - whatever she says to the contrary - taken active steps to ally or dispel the speculation which has grown apace ever since she returned from the Falklands in January.

Any Prime Minister is entitled to weigh up the evidence before reaching such a decision. It has traditionally been more personal to the office of Prime Minister than any other in Cabinet government. This weekend, with her advisers at Chequers, Mrs Thatcher now has that opportunity. On Monday - certainly by Tuesday morning at the latest - she must take the whole nation into her confidence. It would be extremely unwise, to say the least, to play about with this imponderable for another session of Prime Minister's Questions on Tuesday.

Theoretically, the choices she has before her this weekend are for June or no June and, if the former, when in June. In practice the expectation of an election has made it almost inconceivable that Mrs Thatcher will now seek further delay. Apart from anything else she would not thereby dim the lights. The body politic would merely look ahead to October and resign itself to a four month bout of pre-election fever instead of a short sharp spasm lasting only a few weeks.

The man in the street is certainly less taken up with elections than any member of the political establishment. But even he cannot indefinitely remain immune to the speculation which has continued to rise week by week. The financial, bureaucratic and commercial worlds have not remained unaffected either. Though Mrs Thatcher's purpose has been to close no option, the effect now of closing the June option would not be to restore a stable climate in which business decisions could be made, but rather to prolong the period of uncertainty. Moreover though her Party would muffle its criticism of her, and support her through to October - or even until next year if necessary - there would now be a general sense of political let-down and procrastination which would be very damaging to the authority of the Government.

That is a pity, but hardly unexpected in view of the way election speculation can acquire a self-fulfilling dynamic of its own. So if June, when? A Prime Minister's diary is full every day and every week of the year. There are engagements even now in Mrs Thatcher's diary which could be held to inhibit her choice of a date in 1984. Naturally therefore the next five or six weeks are a congestion of summits, state visits, and official visitors.

The governmental machine will have to weigh up all these factors. The Prime Minister's attendance or non-attendance at the European Summit could easily influence the nature of an agreement on the important issue of Britain's rebate from the European budget. There is the Williamsburg summit at the end of May, which the Prime Minister is keen to attend. It is important that the Queen's business, in all its aspects, is carried on - indeed part of the tradition of continuity in British politics relies on that requirement being observed, even at times of election.

However there is no convincing argument for letting any one of these events determine the election timing, since, in reality, they will all occur during an election period, whatever the precise timetable of the official campaign. It would be better therefore to get the business over with, and quickly.

THE COMMISSION MAKES A START

At last the European Commission has come up with detailed proposals for the reform of the Community budget. One should not expect that they will immediately satisfy all member states. That would be nothing short of a miracle. What is needed is a realistic starting-point for negotiations, first in the Council of Ministers and then at the European Council (summit), which meets in Stuttgart on June 6 and 7.

Clearly the proposals as they stand fall short of Britain's objectives. They do not suggest that member states' contributions should be based straightforwardly on their gross national product, as most people in Britain would think fair. No doubt the Commission felt that so radical a departure from the Community's original principles would have no real chance of being accepted by some other member governments, notably France.

Instead, it proposes that the present system of assessment should continue, *except* for that part (at present roughly half) of the cost of the common agricultural policy which exceeds 33 per cent of the total budget. The cost of such excess agricultural spending would be shared among the member states according to a complicated formula taking into account their share in the production of the agricultural products covered by the policy, their per capita gross domestic product, and their contribution to the Community's "net operating surplus".

Under that formula, Britain's share of the cost would come down from nineteen to eleven per cent while those of France, Holland, Denmark and Italy would go up. The effect would be

to cut Britain's deficit with the Community by something between a third and a half.

That is unlikely to be good enough for Mrs Thatcher, who is said to be looking for a permanent reduction in the deficit of at least two-thirds. Under the Commission's proposals the only way she could get this would be through a shift of Community expenditure away from agriculture towards other sectors which would benefit Britain more. Clearly the Commission's formula is intended to achieve this over time. Its implication is that 33 per cent, as opposed to the present 65, would be a normal proportion of the budget for agriculture to consume, and its effect is to discourage the present beneficiaries of the CAP from pushing for a higher proportion than this by making them bear a larger share of the cost.

Yet it is fairly clear that the Commission does not expect this to happen through an actual reduction of spending on agriculture as an absolute sum. The reduction would be relative, resulting from an increase in the total budget with which agricultural spending would not keep pace. The Commission believes that in any case the total budget is bound to go on rising, and cannot be contained beyond the end of next year within the one per cent of value added tax earmarked for it by the treaties.

The British Government, officially at least, does not agree. And it is right not to agree, in as much as a lot of the money now spent by the Community is ill spent on financing (and storing) unusable surpluses of perishable products. But politically, alas, the Commission is almost certainly right. It is not realistic to

expect governments to sanction an actual reduction in agricultural spending. The French government at any rate, already at loggerheads with doctors, students and shopkeepers, is hardly going to risk a peasants' revolt for the sake of good house-keeping in Brussels, still less for the sake of the British taxpayer.

The best we can hope for is to slow down the growth of agricultural spending, and to make sure that what growth there is more than matched by expenditure from which we do benefit. We should also make strenuous efforts to overcome Viscount Davignon's objections to an energy import tax.

It is an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and especially for the present British Government which regards public expenditure of any sort as a very dubious way of helping the British economy. The fact that in this case it would be public expenditure financed in large part by our European partners may be good for the balance of payments, but not necessarily good for the country in any other sense. The government will rightly be determined, in the hard bargaining ahead, to keep not only agricultural spending but Community spending as a whole within reasonable bounds. One point in the Commission's proposals which it should certainly not countenance is the suggestion that the House of Commons should give the Community a kind of direct debit mandate to vote itself further increases in revenue without ratification by national parliaments. The European parliament is a useful controller of agreed resources, but should not be given the power to increase those resources at will.

IRELAND NURSES HER NEUTRALITY

It was bad luck once again for Mr Prior. He had gone to Dublin on a fence-mending expedition. Not only was his walkabout at the Spring Show washed out by a downpour but his entire mission was almost torpedoed by his abrasive colleague at the defence ministry, who had touched the nerve of Irish neutrality the day before. Just as Mr Prior was sitting down to tea and courtesy with Dr FitzGerald the Irish ambassador in London was firing off a note of pained protest to the Foreign Office.

What Mr Heseltine had said about Irish neutrality was what the trade unionist says about the free-rider: that Europe's small neutrals enjoy the benefits of security provided by the defence efforts of others, adding that the Soviet Union would walk all over them given the chance in a European war. It sounded good in Belfast where the words were spoken. In Dublin it provoked disorder in the Dail and resentment right across the political landscape. Mr Heseltine is new to diplomatic duties.

Irish neutrality has a flavour of its own. It is not of the third world variety. Ideological neutrality is no part of it. In the diffused contest between international communism and the democratic liberalism of western Europe and north America Ireland stands squarely where

geography places her. Nor is Irish neutrality quite the same as that of Europe's professional neutrals, Switzerland, Austria and Sweden. It is compatible with the fair degree of political alignment required by membership of the European Community. Ireland fully participates in the EEC process known as European Political Cooperation, even down to consideration of the political aspect of security matters. It draws the line only at strictly military matters, and they are at present outside the ambit of the Community.

The posture of ideological commitment, political alignment and military neutrality is valued by most citizens of the Republic - although there were many who thought Mr Haughey's adjustment of the posture during the reconquest of the Falkland Islands was needlessly and provocatively niggling. It gives Ireland greater acceptability among third world governments, and an enlarged role with the United Nations. It also serves to proclaim Ireland's sovereign independence of Great Britain, a need which history makes felt.

The policy therefore possesses a vitality of its own. It is a way of international life in which the Republic feels comfortable. Yet it is rooted in the partition of the island, a fact which gives Irish neutrality another peculiarity, its

provisional character. Its unofficial character is quite unofficial, the policy has been given a rationale unrelated to the border, but there have been hints enough that if there were to be a settlement of the northern question satisfactory to the Republic, an obstacle to Ireland's participation in Nato would be removed. The value of its contribution would be territorial, the provision of bases affording the allies' defences a longer reach into the North Atlantic. This contribution is withheld while, to state the condition crudely, British troops occupy land over which the Republic persists in making some sort of claim to jurisdiction.

The most riling thing about Mr Heseltine's remark for Irish political ears is that it was made while he was reviewing troops in the corner of the island which is a province of the United Kingdom. Not only did they have him chiding them for an international role they have every right to play, but he did it while perching on the very grievance in which their neutrality is anchored. Very provoking, but not very serious. No one should deny Ireland the right to determine its own external policies, nor should Ireland's neighbours be denied the liberty to state home truths about those policies. The incident should not be allowed to rankle.

Three-way divide for parties on TV

From Lord Aylestone
Sir, With a general election maybe weeks rather than months ahead and the possibility of three solid weeks of party political broadcasting on both television and radio, I vividly recall experiences learned from both sides of the fence, as Leader of the House of Commons and later as Chairman of the IBA, of the problems which arise for the broadcasting authorities and the political parties. The main problem is the fair allocation of time on the air.

Whilst there is no statutory obligation for them to do so, the broadcasting authorities usually try to find peak viewing time for the parties and to do everything possible to aid the democratic processes of electioneering. They of course realise that the public generally tend to endure rather than enjoy party political broadcasts.

The allocation of time to each political party is a matter for the "ad hoc" Committee on Political Broadcasting, comprising the authorities (BBC and IBA) and the main political parties.

In the next general election the committee will have new situations to consider which did not apply in the last general election. There is a new political force in the field in the SDP/ Liberal Alliance; there are many altered parliamentary constituencies and many sitting MPs are contesting new constituencies.

Bearing these facts in mind and that in the 13 by-elections since the SDP was formed in 1981 the Conservatives, Labour and the Alliance have each secured just over 30 per cent of the total votes cast, there is no doubt that there are now three main political parties. It may be argued that the Alliance is in fact two parties, which is of course true, but it is not equally true of the Labour Party, which is split down the middle on the questions of defence, Nato and membership of the EEC.

My own view is that having taken into consideration the entitlement of the smaller political parties, such as Plaid Cymru and the Scottish Nationalists, and any other party having nominated candidates for an agreed minimum of seats, then the bulk of the time allotted for party political broadcasts should be divided equally between the three main parties, each of which proposes to contest every constituency in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
AYLESTONE,
House of Lords,
May 4.

Rewarding volunteers

From the Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled
Sir, Mr J. Fleming (May 2) says that "a youngster wishing to do voluntary work must forfeit his unemployment benefit". This is not true.

To receive unemployment benefit (or supplementary benefit) an unemployed person must of course be "available for work" - ie, willing and able to take a job or attend an interview, if opportunity occurs. But doing voluntary work is not in itself incompatible with this; and in March, 1982, we introduced a special easement of the rules so that someone providing a service which he cannot abandon at the drop of a hat is considered to be available if he can make himself available with 24 hours' notice.

At the same time we brought out a new leaflet (NI 240) on "Voluntary work and social security benefits" to explain and publicise the scope for doing such work without losing benefit.

We also introduced last year (and have doubled this year) the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme under which a number of major voluntary organisations administer DHSS grants to create such opportunities. This is already helping some 400 projects with about 15,000 volunteers - and it is in fact a condition of the grants that the projects must be such as not to deprive volunteers of benefit.

The Manpower Services Commission have also introduced a similar Voluntary Projects Programme.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH ROSSI,
Department of Health and Social Security,
Alexandra Fleming House,
Elephant and Castle, SE1.

Railway architecture

From Mr Nigel Wikeley
Sir, A word or two of reassurance. When your correspondent (May 31) next comes up to town from deepest Kidderminster he will not be affronted by an office building on the forecourt of Charing Cross station.

The new building is intended to form a third side to the forecourt and I am confident that old and new will complement each other. The design is by Casson Corder and Partners.

On a slightly different but connected note: much as I appreciated Charles McKean's piece about the salvation of Denmark Hill station (April 25) - having supplied the author with drawings you will understand it was read here with close attention - that pleasure was to some extent vitiated by a minor outburst of journalistic vandalism: chucking bricks at our "steel and glass boxes".

Perhaps Mr McKean prefers Noddy buildings to honest design? Yours, etc.
NIGEL WIKELEY, Regional Architect,
Chief Architects' Department,
British Railways Board,
Southern House,
Wellesley Grove,
Croydon,
Surrey,
May 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peaceful means in Central America

From Mr F. G. Dawson
Sir, Your April 29 leading article, "Down Mexico way", discussing the Central American crisis, concludes that "it must be more sensible to help put out the fire than to argue about how to do it". With respect, I disagree. It is precisely because the strategies applied by the Reagan Administration are self-defeating and ineffective that alternative measures are urgently required.

Arming and training Nicaraguan rebels to invade their homeland violates article 15 of the 1948 Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which stipulates: "No state or group of states has the right to intervene directly or indirectly for any reason whatever in the internal or external affairs of any other state."

Although in El Salvador intervention is by invitation, international lawyers doubt if consent by a beleaguered government fighting a civil war can provide a valid exception to article 15.

There are precedents and machinery which can still be applied as alternative strategies to resolve the Central American dilemma in a manner more compatible with international law and more likely to obtain cooperation and support from Latin American leaders.

In 1922, in response to regional political instability and revolutionary disorder, the United States invited representatives from the Central American nations to a peace conference in Washington. The participants signed a General Treaty of Peace and Amity in which each government - the United States was

not a signatory - pledged not to intervene in any of the others' internal affairs, not to intervene in favour or against the government of another republic in the case of a civil war, and not to permit its territory to be used to organize revolutionary movements against the recognized government of any other Central American nation.

Using the 1922 conference and the General Treaty of Peace and Amity as examples, a new peace conference could now be convened by invoking the peace-keeping machinery provided in the OAS Charter and in the 1947 Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance. Participants could include, in addition to the five Central American nations, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and the United States.

The objectives would be to formulate a set of reciprocal undertakings against intervention and aggression, to be policed by a multinational force under the aegis of the OAS.

As your leading article emphasizes, European nations have a strategic interest in a peaceful resolution of Central American problems. Hopefully European statesmen can persuade American policy-makers that unilateral intervention cannot stop the violence, nor create the conditions in which the socio-economic inequities at the root of the present tragedy can be alleviated.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GRIFFITH DAWSON,
Wolfson College,
Cambridge,
May 3.

Disarmament talks

From Mr Ronald Dore

Sir, Surely, especially after Andropov's concession, we should not wait for the agreement of the Froeb to show our willingness to have British weapons counted in at the INF talks in Geneva. Logic, after all, is on Andropov's side.

The strategic/theatre distinction is purely conventional and conventions only work in a dialogue when both sides accept them. And why should the Russians accept this one when Moscow and Kiev could be equally well incinerated by Polaris or by cruise, fired from the same distances, from the same national territory, on the orders of the same set of people, albeit with a different

pattern of initiative and veto powers?

Some momentum in the disarmament talks is urgently needed. The INF talks are the obvious place to start. Some compromise is necessary to break the deadlock and a British willingness to accept the Andropov equation might provide it, even without the French going along.

The Russians, after all, could reasonably be expected to accept the argument that Britain is in Nato and France is not, even if they remain sceptical of the fiction that France's *tous azimuts* missiles point west as much as east.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD DORE,
157 Surrenden Road,
Brighton,
East Sussex.

CND and politics

From Mr Patrick Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe (Labour)

Sir, You have confined your enquiries at Westminster about the role of Mr Bruce Kent as general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to Catholic Conservatives and SDP MPs. Inevitably, the case against such involvement by Mr Bruce Kent is almost made, and Cardinal Basil Hume is correspondingly embarrassed.

Had you also sounded out Catholic Labour MPs you would have arrived at a more balanced report. To begin with, they would agree with the Archbishop of Liverpool, Mr Derek Worlock, whom you report as stating that the "question at issue is about the whether CND is a valid Christian option". That is to say, they would regard the possession and use of nuclear weapons as numbering among the great moral issues of our time and would advocate the right, indeed, the duty, of all Christians, especially priests, to speak out on these matters.

I would go further. Though a multilateralist, I recognise the immense contribution of CND in defining and articulating arms control to a greater degree in the present generation than ever before. It has promoted a dialogue that might otherwise be absent.

Though I entertain the profoundest doubts about how far the nuclear threshold can be raised by unilateral action, I recognise that CND has deployed arguments that can cut through some of the web and complexities of international relations. It is not concerned exclusively for the realpolitik of present Nato/Warsaw Pact relations, but for their ethical content and the wellbeing of future generations.

It is, then, a moral crusade and one that quite properly calls in some of its aspects for the ministry of a priest. It is entirely fitting, therefore, in my judgment, that there should be a place among its leaders for Mr Bruce Kent, as there was for Canon Collins on a previous occasion.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK DUFFY,
House of Commons,
April 28.

Portable pensions

From Mr Alan G. Saunders

Sir, Your editorial today (April 28), "Have pension, will travel", suggests that Government action is necessary to allow portable pensions. In fact, legislation is not required, as the portable pension already exists and lives within the existing legislative framework.

The "portable executive pension" which our company launched last year, anticipated the approach mooted by the Centre for Policy Studies and means that an employer can now enter one or more employees into a central pension trust. This allows the employee to stay in the one pension scheme all his working life, irrespective of the number of job changes. The concept is simple and effective and avoids the necessity of the employee having to transfer from one pension scheme to another by, instead, having his current employer enter in and, upon taking one's own life, against killing the innocent, against sex outside marriage, against the dissolution of marriage; but it is then recognized that there may be cases in which to insist on an absolute prohibition would threaten the values underlying the principle itself or other values to which the Christian is committed. This is what Mr Longley calls common sense.

The debate in the Church of England about the most recent and most substantial of these reports, *The Church and the Bomb*, revolves around the same basic problem: granted that it is intrinsically wrong to use nuclear weapons, can the threat to use them be justified if it may reasonably be expected to make war less likely?

There is no sharp disjunction between Roman Catholic and Anglican approaches to these problems and those of us who have been involved over the years in the Anglican reports have found with gratitude that they have been most sympathetically reviewed in the Roman Catholic press.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN G. SAUNDERS, Chairman,
Saunders French (Pensions Administration) Ltd,
49 Bath Street,
Glasgow,
April 28.

Appeal of bells in Washington

From Mr James Collins
Sir, One hundred and seventy nine years after burning torches were set to the White House in the conflict of 1812, our distinguished cousins across the Atlantic came to Washington to present to the United States Congress the Ditchley Bells.

On April 19, 1983, the Ditchley Bells reverberated their majestic ring from the 315ft tower of the Old Post Office Building (the tower is higher than any other structure in Washington save for the monument to America's "first George" - Washington) and for a brief and shimmering moment one could scarce the overpowering kinship shared between the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Indeed the Ditchley Foundation's gift to the United States Congress, on the anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, is surely destined to take on the irresistible spirit of the Statue of Liberty. Their ringing palpitations are readily heard across Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House and upwards on Constitution to the Congress.

Their remarkable resonance signals not only the magnificent message of political union between two nations sharing the iron-like anchor of history but rather a union of family, the likes of which no two nations on earth have ever shared.

At the presatioation ceremony there were glistering eyes everywhere - British eyes and American eyes - eyes that stared upwards at the Old Post Office's 196ft skylight above in silent salute to the marvelous echo to liberty sounded by bells patterned after those in Westminster.

The Vice-President of the United States spoke; her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra spoke; the Right Hon Paul Channon transmitted a message from Prime Minister Thatcher, and finally, on that nineteenth day of April, the Speaker of the House called out, "Ring Ditchley Bells, ring..." And just then, one's mind took a quantum leap backwards, back to Runnymede and Philadelphia, back to the Battle of Hastings and Valley Forge, back to the English "Bill of Rights" and the American Bill of Rights, back to Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence - cousins standing together, inextricably (a word used many times on that glorious day) as the result of the great inspiration and prodigious industry of Sir David Wills, every schoolchild who travels to Washington and every president entrusted with power will be equally reminded of the peace and friendship equally shared between our two peoples.

Cordially,
JAMES COLLINS,
3141 P Street NW,
Washington D.C. 20007, USA,
April 28.

Child thieves abroad

From Mr W. Maurice Allen

Sir, The child thieves of Sacré Coeur are clearly professional and Miss Patricia O'Brien's description of their mode of operation (April 27) most accurate. I visited Sacré Coeur with five colleagues to listen to the evening service on Ash Wednesday last. Within a few minutes the children approached and lifted my wallet from my inside pocket and also the contents of a colleague's inside pocket.

The priests at the service could, at best, be described as passively interested in crimes committed within their church. The local police were helpful, but not hopeful of solving what appears to be a repetitive crime occurring within and around Sacré Coeur.

Thank goodness for UK insurance companies!
Yours sincerely,
W. MAURICE ALLEN,
Sprucecroft,
Upper Basildon,
The Reading,
Berkshire,
April 28.

Unemployed doctors

From Mrs Patricia Diggory

Sir, The Deputy Chairman of the BMA junior staff committee reports that between 2,000 and 3,000 doctors are unemployed and fears that 20,000 will be unemployed by the end of the century (*The Times*, May 2).

Having noted that my son and daughter-in-law, both junior hospital doctors, have had contracts to work hours in excess of 100 per week, it seems to me that the problems of unemployed doctors could be better solved if the hours worked by junior doctors were legally restricted in the same way as those worked by airline pilots or heavy-duty vehicle drivers.

Most of us would feel less apprehensive if we knew that the doctor who admits us to hospital was not suffering from gross lack of sleep.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA DIGGORY,
10 Campden Hill Square, W8,
May 2.

Taking a rise?

From Mr Peter L. G. Bateman

Sir, Mr Drain of Nalco, has announced the spending of £1m on a publicity campaign against cuts in spending, part of which will be devoted to purchasing a hot-air balloon.

Is this the first trade union actually to decide to send itself up? Yours sincerely,
PETER L. G. BATEMAN,
Fovnlings,
The Limes,
Fehridge,
East Grinstead,
West Sussex,
May 4.

OBITUARY

SIR J. GUILLUM SCOTT

Influence in councils of Church of England

Sir John Guillum Scott, TD, who died yesterday at the age of 72, was Secretary of the Church Assembly from 1948 to 1970, and then until 1972 Secretary-General of the newly-created General Synod of the Church of England.

In such days of economic restraint it is hardly surprising that many should not only feel that the fees are justified but also rightfully collected.

Duncan Harrington

The author is a Licentiate of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.

Ensuring the future of parish records

When Thomas Cromwell, Vicar General of Henry VIII, issued Injunctions in 1538 on behalf of the Crown he could scarcely have foreseen that the following item would have been the subject of so much legislation, controversy, interest and sometimes neglect.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited St George's School, Windsor.

Having been received upon arrival by the Right Reverend Michael Mann (Dean of Windsor) and Chairman of the Governors and Mr Richard Russell (Headmaster), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the school and met pupils and members of the staff.

Forthcoming marriages

- Mr P. C. Hamilton and Miss S. R. Courtland. The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Stanhope Hamilton and the late Mrs Hamilton, and Susanna, younger daughter of the late Augustus Courtland and of Lady Butler of Saffron Walden.

- Mr M. A. Flower and Miss H. L. Deatry. The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Flower, of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Deatry, of Riehen, Switzerland.



A greeting for Catholics Vazgen, the Supreme Patriarch of the Armenian Church, when he visited the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, at Lambeth Palace yesterday. The Patriarch is here for an 11-day visit.

Drinners

Gwyn's Inn. The Treasurer of Gwyn's Inn, Professor Ronald Grayson, QC, and Masters of the Bench entertained the following guests at dinner on Wednesday, May 4, at Gwyn's Inn, being Grand Day of Eastern Term.

Latest appointments

Air Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, who is to be the Royal Air Force's new Air Member for Personnel, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness.

Service luncheons

Army Board. Mr Jerry Wiggin, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, was host at a luncheon given yesterday in Admiralty House by the Army Board of the Defence Council in honour of General Richard E. Cavazos, Commander, United States Army Forces Command, the 1983 Kermit Roosevelt Lecturer.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor Sir Philip Barker, 78; Mr A. (Scobie) Breasley, 68; Lord Briggs, 62; Sir Charles Gwynne, 72; Sir Rexy Geddes, 71; Professor R. Y. Gooden, 74; Sir James Gowans, 59; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison, 47; Sir Lennox Hewitt, 66; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Robert Hobart, 68; Field Marshal Sir Richard Hill, 76; Lord Kirkhill, 53; Mr David Leah, 72; Sir Basil Nield, 80; Mr Tony O'Reilly, 47; Sir Leonard Paton, 91; Mrs Ruth Fawcett Thavala, 56; Sir Arthur Sealing, 69; Miss Elizabeth Soderstrom, 59; Mr David Tomlinson, 66; Sir Huw Wheldon, 67.

University news

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St Clare's, Oxford

Mr T. Agerback will take up his appointment as Principal of St Clare's on September 1, 1983, in the retirement of Miss Anne Gregory de Speer. On Saturday, May 28, Old students wishing to attend a farewell garden party and/or dinner for Miss Dryden on Saturday, June 18 are asked to apply to the secretary.

Marriage

Mr H. A. Palmer and Miss C. M. Jackson. The marriage took place on Saturday, April 30, at St Mary's Church, Easton, between Mr Howard Palmer, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Palmer, and Miss Catherine Jackson, eldest daughter of the late Brigadier Tom Jackson and Mrs Colin Macpherson.

Sale room

Thursday made £1,071,306, with 16 per cent left unsold. The high flyer of the sale, Picasso's 1938 etching, 'La Femme au Tambourin', was unsold at \$95,000 (estimate \$110,000-130,000), or \$59,748. The most expensive item to find a buyer was a portfolio of 10 lithographs by El Lissitzky, at \$71,500 (estimate \$70,000-80,000), or \$44,968, to a Chicago dealer.

Gothic ivory casket fetches £418,000 at Hever Castle auction

By Geraldine Norman. A Gothic ivory casket from the Hever Castle collection was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £418,000 to E. Lubin, a New York dealer. It is finely carved with the legend of St Eustace and was made in the 14th-century.

Hollingworth Magniac, believed to have belonged to Cardinal York, the younger son of the Old Pretender, and to have belonged to his family since the accession of James I in 1603.

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John Woodcock writes

John Drennan Eggar, who died on May 3 at the age of 66, while playing tennis, combined, might himself as a Wykebae, by one of the greatest of all coaches, H. S. Altham. From as happens to more, a schoolmastering career with a summer holiday playing county cricket - first for Hampshire and then after Derbyshire.

GEORGE BALANCHINE

Moira Shearer writes. Of all the choreographers I ever worked with, I remember George Balanchine as the most stimulating and inspiring. In addition - and to my surprise and delight - he was a splendid musician, raconteur and cook.

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Those Who Appreciate Money Hate To Touch The Principal

By Stanley Cohen

He fingered the white card thoughtfully for a moment, studying the rows of repeated digits which ran its full length. He touched the corner of the card to his lip and then oodded. He'd hesitated long enough. The advance preparations had been made for quite a while. Time to put the plan into motion. Fascinating toys, computers. At least to those who knew how to use them. Really use them.

He glanced around the computer room at the technicians doing their thing. They weren't paying any attention to his contemplative posture in the chair in front of the keypunch. Why should they? It was a most familiar sight to see him there. He ran the operation. He was their mentor, their trainer, their confident and father confessor, the renowned *Wunderkind* and genius who taught them everything they knew about the role of the computer in modern banking, the mastermind who had toiled all those brutal hours, often far into the night, and had established and debugged all of the super-streamlined procedures that made the bank the envy of all the others in the city.

Even if they were to wander near and stand behind him and watch over his shoulder, they would not grasp what he was about to do. Because they knew their specific jobs and not too much more. They knew what he had taught them and what he felt they had a need to know in order to carry out their work with crisp efficiency. But they would not understand the complex, yet ever so simple little operation he was going to perform. And even if they thought they did comprehend it, they wouldn't believe it. Not after all his lectures about the legal aspects of the work in which they were involved. Absolute adherence to the law. He had trained them well.

His hand trembled slightly as he inserted the first card into the keypunch. He hoped no one noticed because he wasn't supposed to ever show even the slightest manifestation of having nerves. He was Rich Hamzer, the whizz-kid. His veins were copper wire and his head was transistorized. He glanced around once again, rubbed his hands together a few times, took a deep breath and then began to hit the keys.

He completed the eight new cards and touched the corner of each with a red felt tip pen. He walked to the card storage and as he did the trembling worsened. His pulse accelerated. He opened the appropriate drawer and began inserting the eight cards in their proper locations, lifting out those he was temporarily replacing. Then he lifted a few other cards at random and dotted them with felt tip pens of other colours, green, blue, brown, before slipping them back down into place. The red dots would be less obvious.

With all of the new cards in their proper places, he rifled the deck, watching the marked cards disappear like a drink poured over the side of a boat, into the sea. Then he closed the drawer. Done. The cards were a part of the vast system and the system would make no judgement but would do as it was told.

Rich picked up a phone and dialled Linderkorn's number.

Harry Linderkorn's ruddy face was redder than usual against the meticulously groomed silver temples and the custom shirt and he sat very erect. Hamzer slouched in the "client's" chair in front of the huge desk.

"Did you say resign?" Rich, I won't hear of it."

"Harry, you already have."

"But why?"

"I'm sick of working."

"Take some time off. How about a month? Two months?"

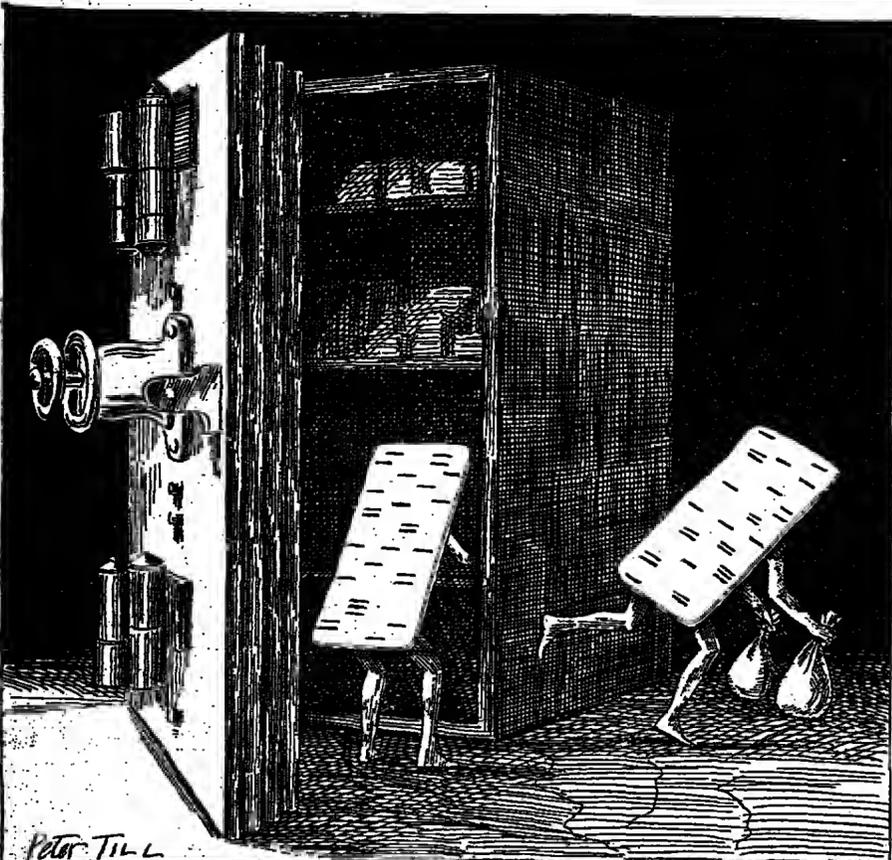
"How about a year, Harry, or two years? Why not five?"

"You serious? You won't like it, Rich. You'll hate it."

"Let me try it and decide for myself."

"All right, Rich. How about a raise? A fat one."

"Harry, you haven't been



The Times/Veuve Clicquot competition is organized by the Crime Writers Association as a means of keeping the crime short story alive. This year's winner is an American living in Orange, Connecticut; his prize is a half-case of La Grande Dame champagne and publication of his story.

The Crime Writers Association, which celebrated its thirtieth birthday last year, exists to enhance the prestige of the craft and among its 460 members are most of this country's leading practitioners.

Each year the association awards a "gold dagger" for the Best Crime Novel and Best First Novel. When funds are available, there is a cash prize as well and this year, thanks to several literary agents, Thames Television and Securitor, the winners will each receive £1,000. They will also join an illustrious company that includes Eric Ambler, John Le Carré, H. R. F. Keating and, from the United States, Emma Lathen and Ross Macdonald. The first chairman was John Creasey.

listening. A little more money won't change my life style. This is Monday morning. Two weeks notice means a week from Friday. That's it."

Linderkorn paused and his eyes reflected a change in strategy. "Rich, this place is a miracle of modern banking efficiency because of what you've done here. It's a living tribute to your achievements. We're the standard by which others are measured. Don't walk away from it and let it run the risk of even the slightest loss of its vitality and perfection. We can re-define your job so that you can enjoy a change in life-style without leaving."

"Harry, I've checked and rechecked the program and it's bug-free. Get one of your head-hunters to find you a bright young manager-type and I'm sure he can keep things running without problems."

"Rich, how about the unlimited privileges at the Midtown Country Club every day. As long as you wish, I'll even line you up a parade of worthy opponents. And just drop in on the bank once in a while to see how things are going."

"A week from Friday, Harry."

Rich stood in the main banking room and watched the faces of depositors inch forward, reach the tellers' windows, complete their transactions and walk away. Sixteen tellers were working. And there were more than two hundred branch banks with three to 10 tellers in each. The effects of the new punched cards, like Pentaflow into a vein, had flowed silently into the system, been absorbed and produced the desired changes. Nine more business days to go, with extended banking hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

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his escape from his squirrel-cage existence to the idyllic life of the richest tennis and ski bum on the Continent. He mused for a moment about his return to the slopes, he'd discovered on his last vacation in the Alps. Exhilarating runs that challenged his considerable skills with their vastness and unexpected hazards and their unspoiled desolation. So different from the mountains in southern Vermont which always seemed reduced to slush by the impenetrable crowds.

And he could live off just the interest the money would earn in Switzerland, hardly touching the principal at all. A most pleasing thought. Because those who appreciate money hate to touch the principal.

Rich fidgeted for the rest of the day. He knew there was no need for concern, but simply knowing wasn't quite enough to keep him tranquil. He called a friend and arranged a tennis match at his indoor club for that night. A little strenuous exercise would take his mind off things and help him to get into some good sleep, which he began to feel might become an elusive commodity.

They played hard and he enjoyed it. He was a tiger, really on this game, and for the first time ever he completely overpowered his friend. After more than two hours of enervating play and a quick shower, he emerged from the club into the chill night air and promptly sneezed, two, three, four times. It had been stupid to rush out into the cold. He should have killed a little time before leaving, hung around, had a drink, taken time to fully cool down and unwind. He felt a drop of rain, then a drop or two more and then rain. He looked

around for a cab but there are never cabs when it begins to rain. He sneezed, again, and wiped his nose with his sleeve. He began hustling toward the subway, still watching for an empty cab. By the time he reached the subway, his nose was dripping steadily.

A double Scotch and two aspirin had little effect on anything and he lay awake most of the night, sopping at his nose with tissues and throwing the little balls of wet paper at a waste basket in the corner of the room. He crawled out of bed the next morning with a whopper of a cold. But with only nine days of his professional career left, he was determined to show up at work.

He made it through the day but his cold grew steadily worse. By mid-afternoon his head was clogged solid. Excessive amounts of various antibiotics made him groggy but failed to penetrate the total blockage behind his nose and eyes. He went home early, dosed himself up with a little of everyone's recommended gargle and went to bed, feeling certain that only long hours of sleep would help. But somehow, a dancing line of computer cards with tiny red dots in their corners always seemed to stay between him and unconsciousness. When he dragged himself out of bed again the next morning, his head throbbed. But he was once again determined to make it to the bank.

By mid-afternoon his entire body ached and everyone remarked that he looked terrible and shouldn't have come in.

When Harry Linderkorn snapped that he should get the hell out of there before he infected everybody in the place, he finally left the bank and returned to his flat. Desperate for sleep, he resorted to sleeping pills, something he had somehow gone without the two previous nights, and took three instead of the prescribed one. The dancing computer cards moved quickly aside and total sleep engulfed him.

He woke to a ringing phone.

"You any better?" It was Harry Linderkorn.

"I don't think so, Harry."

"I called you yesterday and you didn't even answer. Where were you?"

"I'm not even sure there was a yesterday."

"When I called you yesterday, I was merely being concerned about you. Today we've got a problem."

"What kind of problem, Harry?"

"One of your crew dropped a deck of cards."

"Tell him to pick them up."

"Rich, they're afraid to pot things back together without you here."

"The cards are encoded sequentially. I've taught them better than that. They can do it."

"They insist that they need you."

"Harry, I'm not sure I'm going to live."

"Rich, this bank has got to

ment. He entered the computer room where his staff of helpers led him to a desk and he dropped himself into the chair. They clustered about him and talked earnestly about how the mishap had occurred and why they had the drawer out and how sorry they were and how terrible they felt and all the reasons why they were afraid to try to restore the system to operation without his supervision. But he found he was unable to concentrate on anything they were saying.

Spread out on the desk-top were the drawer, partly filled, and the rest of the deck, a few of the cards organized into neat stacks, most of them still loose. He spotted two or three of the ones with the red dots. He picked up a handful and looked at them, trying to make out the print at the top but the printed characters bled into the cards. He strained to focus his eyes at the hazy, little block letters which faded and swam and spiralled and darted about.

"It's no use," he said. He slumped back into his chair. "I can't see them. I can't do anything. It's no use." He closed his eyes and slumped further and then fell forward and laid his head on the desk and as his consciousness faded, he heard one of his girls say that they had better get help.

Rich awoke amid the muffled sounds and special smells of a hospital room. He glanced around briefly at the washed out pastel hues of his institutional surroundings and then out of the window at the familiar skyline. He closed his eyes and fell back asleep. He awoke again when a nurse came in to check his temperature and pulse. He watched her take the thermometer from his mouth and theo jot notes on his chart.

"How long have I been here?" he asked.

"It's Saturday. You came in yesterday."

"Who's paying for such a fancy room?"

"That's not my concern." She smiled without looking up from the chart.

"Am I getting better or worse?"

A nurse's smile of assurance. "I'd say better. But try to sleep some more. It's the best thing for you."

He watched her leave and then shifted his weight slightly and eased back into sleep.

Hand touched his arm. He looked up and saw Harry Linderkorn and behind him, a stranger. Who was the stranger? Rich's pulse began to quicken as he looked at the other man's expressionless face. Young, bright, interesting face, but no sign of anything.

"How are you feeling?" Harry asked.

Rich studied Harry's face for a clue. Nothing. The nurse told me I'm getting better." He looked past Harry at the other man. Who was he?

"They tell me you'll be fine," Harry said. "It'll just take a little while."

"How long?" Rich asked.

"What's your hurry? You've got plenty of time."

What did that mean? He looked at the other man again. Still no indications. "Harry, what about at the bank? You get things back together?"

"Business as usual, Rich. Our depositors won't lose a penny. I brought in Jennings here on a consultant basis to get the system straightened out and back in operation. Rich Hamzer, Clint Jennings."

"Nice meeting you, Rich", the young man said. "Quite a program you've set up. It's becoming the standard for the whole industry. I was delighted to have the opportunity to look at it."

Rich scrutinized his expression, searching for an off-beat reaction.

"Did you have any problem getting the system going again?"

"No problems. The cards were sequential."

"And you were impressed with the way it's set up?"

"Very much so," Jennings answered. But there wasn't so much as a wisp of a smile as he spoke. He apparently had not deduced the significance of the eight cards with the red dots.

"I'm glad everything is okay, again," Rich said.

"We'll leave now so you can go back to sleep," Linderkorn said.

"Besides, I'm late for my golf date. Just wanted to bring Clint by to meet you. And, of course, to show you that I care."

"Nice meeting you, Rich," Jennings said with a completely guileless smile. "Take it easy. It was late evening when a hand touched Rich's shoulder again. Visiting hours had passed and the nurses had made their evening rounds. Rich rolled over and looked up through the haze from his medication. He saw Jennings who was smiling broadly. And as he concentrated on Jennings's face, he noticed even in the dim light, that the smile had changed and taken on a few dimensions.

"How're you doing, pardner?" Jennings asked with his broad grin. He snapped on a small light.

"What? You came back, tonight? Why?"

"Wanted to bring you something."

"Bring me something? What?"

"A present for you," Jennings held out a small object.

Rich took it and examined it. A red felt tip pen.

"Tell me, pardner," Jennings said. "How're we going to spend all that interest?"

Rich suddenly thought of Alpine soot in all its blinding, dazzling brilliance, and of a run he'd made on the deserted face of a peak away from the usual trail, a dizzying slope with several hidden chasms, unexpected outcroppings of rock and a ruffled hillock of snow that indicated a recent slide. He looked at the pen again and then back at Jennings's grinning face. He asked, "Do you like to ski?"

"That's a rich man's sport. Never could afford it," Jennings paused. "Until now, Yeah. Sure. I'd like to learn."

"Good," Rich said. "I'll teach you myself. We'll leave for the Continent in a week."

How writers thicken their plots

Ever since there were law-givers to say, "That is an anti-social act" there has been a social snarl ready to disregard the edict, and an audience eager to hear of their exploits. Once printing was invented, the broadsheet and the penny dreadful extended the reach of the story-teller to an audience that had learnt to read. It has gone on reading ever since, with enough enthusiasm to constitute a thriving known as "crime fans". Crime fans sometimes feel the urge to write crime fiction. The first question they ask is: how do you begin?

Some authors say they simply sit down with a blank sheet of paper and write. It may be true. Most crime writers would say they have most of it worked out before they begin, particularly the ending. For it is the ending of a crime novel that must make the reader say: "Fancy that!" or "Thank God they're safe!" or "Who would have guessed?"

Two things are necessary - a group of characters who will carry out the action and a plot.

The plot will probably fit into one of the two acknowledged categories of crime fiction: the puzzle plot or the suspense story.

The difference is crucial. In the puzzle plot, the author issues a challenge to the reader: I will tell you everything you need to know to solve this mystery yet I will still surprise you with the solution at the end. Note that condition: "I will tell you everything you need to know". It is his form to keep secrets from your reader, and utterly forbidden to introduce, in 100 pages from the end, an unknown madman who has committed the crime.

Likewise, you will be an outcast if "the butler did it". This phrase harks back to the golden days when every murder

THE TIMES SPORTS AND LEISURE SET

MORE and more people are beginning to appreciate the importance of taking some sort of regular exercise, whether it's jogging, squash, keep-fit classes or weight-lifting. These good quality, stylish sports garments complement each other beautifully to provide a smart versatile kit for a wide variety of sporting activities.

The T-shirt, shorts and hooded zip-jacket are American-made by Mr President from a machine washable combination of cotton and man-made fibres. The whole set is available in traditional sweatshirt grey with the title of THE TIMES printed in soft navy blue flock on the left hand breast of the T-shirt and jacket and on the right leg of the shorts. The Times T-shirts are fine-knit with a crew neck and short sleeves, while the shorts are in a heavier fleecy lined fabric with short leg, elasticated waist and smart navy blue piping on the seams. Ideal for energetic sports and leisure activities, as the soft easy fabric is light and absorbent to wear.

The hooded zip jacket is the perfect sporting coverup, and would also look smart over jeans or Tracksuit trousers. Made from the traditional fleecy lined Sweatshirt material, it has a strong metal zip, hood with drawstrings, set-in sleeves, stretch-knit cuffs and hem, and front patch pocket.

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took place in a country house with a large retinue of servants, but I have yet to read the book with a guilty breath.

In the mystery, you generally need a central character who will solve the puzzle and with whom the reader can sympathize. He (or she) can be a policeman, a private detective, a family friend or a stranger.

If you choose a policeman, make sure you have access to information about police procedure. Private detectives are rather hard to handle if working in this country, which is why many experts decide to place their private eye in one of the six American cities. This makes it easier for him to own a gun.

A sub-genre of the classic plot is the "police procedural". The reader is taken step by step through the daily activities of a CID office, witnessing the treatment of the case-list. British writers don't seem to use it much, perhaps because the British police do not offer access as freely as the Americans.

The suspense story likewise has many sub-genres. It can be a spy story about the need to save the plans (micro-film, computer tape etc) from the villains. It can be a "caper" plot, where you are taken step by step through the planning and perpetration of the theft of the crown jewels. In the days before the Second World War, the criminals would certainly not have got away with their crime but now they quite often do. *Sic transit gloria mundi*.

The important thing about a suspense plot is simply that - you have to keep the reader in suspense until the last sentence.

A crime novel can be a mixture of all or any of these, but the great secret is to have interesting characters. You can have the cleverest plot in the world, but if the people are dull the book will flop. One or two of our present-day writers actually have the cleverest plots in the world, which almost no one can understand, but it is the characters who hold the interest and loyalty of the readers.

Jan Bowden

Motoring across the mountains and glens, Peter Black samples the clean air, fresh food and warm hospitality of Scotland

Sweet solitude on tranquil highland roads

Nobody goes to the Scottish highlands for the weather; though, as it happens, the west coast had just enjoyed the longest rain-free period in living memory - or so they said. A shopkeeper in Fort William, reaching for the most graphic illustration he could command, told me, he had never shifted so many pairs of sunglasses, so much suntan lotion and anti-midge cream. And the water level in the Sturort on Skye was so low the salmon could not "run", but hung about in the loch outside waiting for rain.

I had gone up on a motoring trip: on the BR Motorail to Stirling, up to Inverness, across and up to Ullapool, down the west coast to Skye, back to Stirling by way of Fort William and the Trossachs, a saunter of some 650 miles which restored one of the ancient pleasures of motoring: that of tootling along unfamiliar roads.

There must have been lots of us, for tourism is Scotland's second industry and this was August. Leaving the little towns, I drove for miles through the green and grey glens and mountains without meeting another car - indeed the emptiness creates its own hazards. It was easy to forget to

keep looking in the rearview mirror (after all, that wasn't what I'd gone to see), and wander fractionally off course.

Roads empty as far as the eye can see can fill with cars in seconds; when overtaking, be sure the driver in front knows you are there. Along the most picturesque routes the roads are single-track with passing points. Here, assume that the approaching car is being driven by royalty, and respectfully draw aside.

The weather had reverted to the changeable. On the road from Strathcarron to Skye heavy ragged clouds were rolling over the mountaintops like waves breaking on rocks. The rain pelted down so hard the view shrank to what I could see through the segment of the windscreen, cleared by the wipers: a watery suggestion of slopes, forest and loch. At the foot of the glen the rain stopped, so did I, to take in one of those tremendous views that are the point of driving through the highlands.

Far below, a dammed lake; to the west, pine forest, on all sides, huge bare hills under their thin skin of grass. Deep in the hillside, a white and grey house,

set in a solitude hard to comprehend. The west wind was tugging and rearranging the weather like an army of scene shifters at work, opening up tantalizing pockets of blue, spreading a sudden blaze of sun, and as quickly wiping it out. While I waited for the ferry, at Kyle of Lochalsh, blue sky spread as if from nowhere.

I drove to Portree with the hood of my convertible down and the sun hot on my back, hot enough to release the scents that ought to accompany a fine summer day: of grass, heather and pungent wild herbs.

I took the hood down quite often, more often than was sensible, I dare say (once I couldn't get the thing up against the wind, so reversed and took the wind's assistance, a piece of resource worthy of the John Buchan heroes whose spirits flit over these parts); but there was another ancient motoring delight, of riding with 180 degrees of vision with nothing between me and the sky.

Wheels make it easier to see the highlands, harder to experience them. The great stillness in the heart of these desolate places needs to be explored on foot. At the Skeapost Hotel on Skye the active men and women appeared for breakfast: hipsters and portidge in the olive green knickerbockers and jerseys, and ribbed soled shoes of walkers, stalkers, climbers and came home contentedly fagged out.

In the countryhouse atmosphere of this hotel, filled with self-assured, fit British and pleasantly shy Americans, I felt a long way from the beach playmats, stomach settlers and airport angst of the trips to the sun.

The caravan camps drawn up in lines - here a television aerial sprouting from the roof, there a budgeterig swinging in its cage, anon a white cat, as haughty as an enchanted prince, lying on the back seat of a Rover - brought an incongruous dash of suburbia to the surrounding wildness. But to experience it the caravan campers need only reach for their boots and walking sticks.

There is a great deal to be said for the freedom of camping under canvas in Scotland, though the best of it is earned by the hardy walkers with their equipment on their backs who can be located by their orange blobs of canvas high up on a hill.

Sleeping under a different roof each night I experienced all levels of accommodation. Bearing in mind that one gets what one pays for, food and service were always good and friendly. Modern Scottish posh is as posh as anything anywhere: extreme

comfort, colour-television, guest kit containing disposable razor, sugar substitutes, a self-conscious Scottishness in the menus; for example, "The Laird's Choice; succulent roast of the day." Down the other end was a village hotel on the banks of Loch Carron, where the fittings were austere and my arrival coincided with the Friday discotheque right under my bedroom.

If there were a word for the happy chance discovery of good hotels I would apply it with vehemence to the Collich Place at Ullapool, run by the actor Robert Urquhart and his young wife, Jean, whose aim is to break away from the pre-cast atmosphere of hotels. So the beds have firm mattresses



Robert Urquhart lets you pour your own drinks

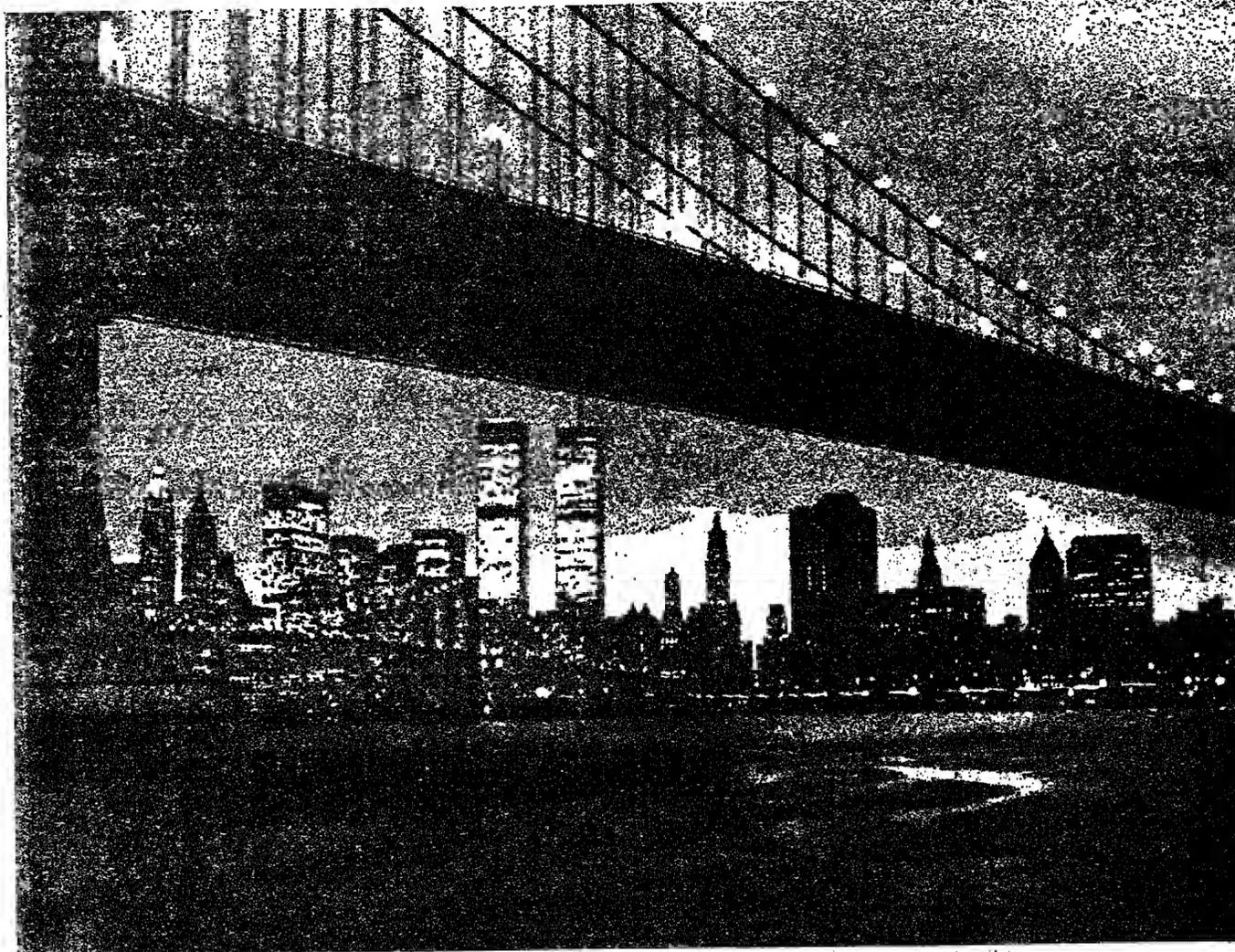
("better for backs"). There is no television room. Tape recordings offer Schubert piano trios. Guests can pour their own drinks and sign for them. A bookshop sells decent paperback along with holiday trash.

In the big dining area, combining bar and restaurant in the convivial French manner, I had a glass of wine for 55p that could not have been fuller without forming a meniscus. There was not an individually wrapped pat of butter, cheese, or a sauce bottle in sight.

But the attractive generosity of spirit was not without its hazards. One visitor accused Jean of injecting her eggs with colour. The poor soul had never eaten a free range egg. Another rejected the haddock as "off", having forgotten the taste of really fresh fish.



Sheer wonder: The magnificent cliffs above the Sound of Raasay, Isle of Skye



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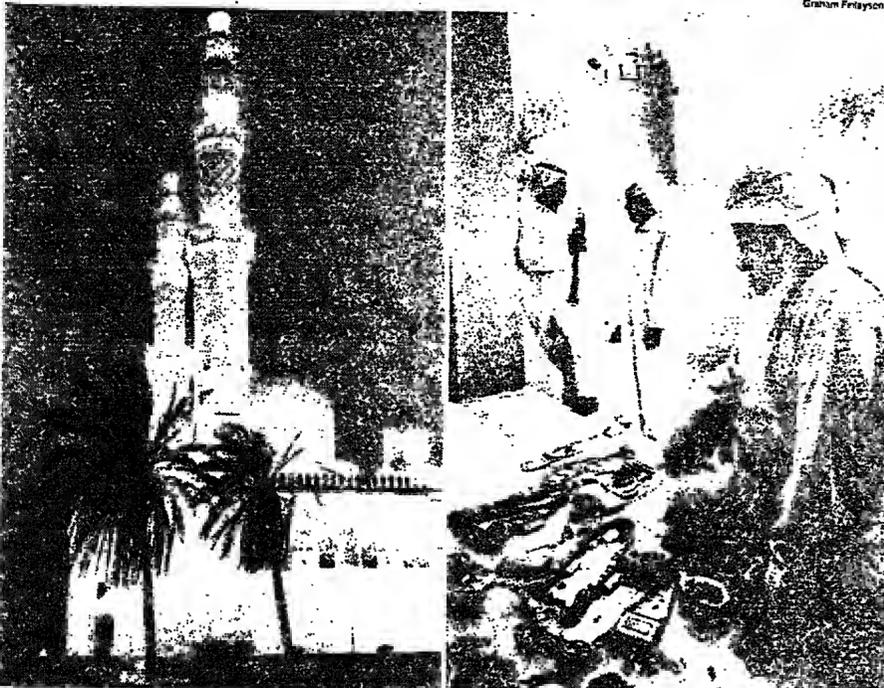
TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Rich rewards of a comfortable compromise

David Cross savours low-key luxury in the United Arab Emirates

As the DC10 floats down towards the minarets of Sharjah airport a single white flame punctuates the early morning mist like a huge candle. The burning gas is rising above the desert from one of the many oil wells which, in the space of less than 20 years, have transformed the seven feudal sultanates of the lower Gulf into one of the world's richest federations—the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



Peace and prosperity: Mosque in Dubai (left) and a jewelry seller who moonlights as a museum nightwatchman

The plane is on time, but the mist is too dense at Dubai international airport, our ultimate destination, and we land at Sharjah to wait for it to lift. More than two hours later, when the rising sun has cleared the air, we take off again, minus a handful of the more impatient passengers, for one of the shortest commercial flights possible in a long-haul jet. In a land where prestige is more important than money, the building of two major airports just 10 miles apart for no more than a few dozen flights a day is not regarded as extravagant.

Dubai airport, with its plush air-conditioned lounges and row upon row of duty-free shops where a bottle of gin costs just over £1, is almost as magnificent as the mosque-like terminal at Sharjah, although the hordes of foreign workers returning from the Indian subcontinent having their baggage searched for drugs present a hurdle for the unwary at immigration and customs.

Western Europeans are, however, regarded with less suspicion by the authorities, and within a matter of minutes we glide through the formalities and into a waiting taxi. It is spring along the Gulf, the air is dry and clear and the temperature pleasantly in the upper seventies.

Dubai and the other emirates, British protectorates until 12 years ago, represent a comfortable compromise between the Islamic fervour of neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and the industrialized western world. A trip, perched on a rough wooden bench on the deck of a tiny motor ferry, along the creek which has always been the centre of Dubai's commercial life highlights the contrast.

On one side an uninterrupted line of modern buildings, mostly banks and other financial institutions, forms a spectacular backdrop to the dozens of dhows, once used to smuggle gold to India but now more likely to ferry electronic gadgetry along the Gulf. On a passing ferry, two Arab women in their traditional shrouds sit sporting luminous green plastic sandals next to a pretty young European girl with shapely tanned calves.

Large parts of the old city have, however, been spared the encroachment of high-rise development projects. The old square market, filled with the heady scent of dried lemons and cloves, is just a few paces along a narrow alleyway from the gold market, where Lebanese merchants exchange outmoded styles of jewelry for the latest fashions at little more than the original value of bullion.

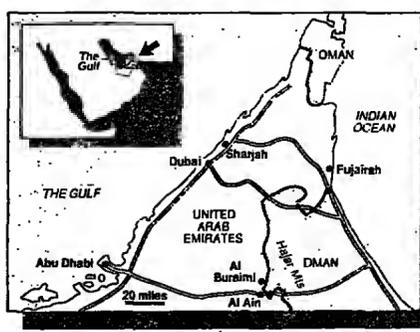
But it takes just an hour or so driving inland by car or minibus to reach the real deserts of the Arabian peninsula. Huge sand dunes, some nearly 100ft high, whose shape and colour change constantly as they are subjected to different wind and light conditions, threaten to engulf the fine new metalled roads. As the highways are built, saplings are planted along them to hold back the desert, and wire-mesh fences put up to prevent grazing camels getting too over.

Suddenly the desert gives way to a modern township, dominated by the towers and dome of its own miniature mosque and bristling with television aerials. The settlement has been built to house the few remaining groups of wandering bedouin tribesmen.

A few miles further on lies the historic town of Al Ain, once one of the last watering points on the 1,000-mile camel trade route across the Arabian desert, but now a thriving modern metropolis shortly to be blessed with its own Disney-land-type amusement park. Europeans are likely to be more impressed by the Al Buraimi oasis, where water is channelled from the nearby Hajar mountains to irrigate small mud-walled plantations of date and banana palms, by the local camel market or by the Hill excavations, where remains of monuments and dwellings dating from 2,000 BC have been discovered.

From Al Ain the Hajar mountain range is a pale blue ribbon against the sky, but on closer inspection the rocks are dark and crumbling, broken only by deep wadis where a few clumps of palm cling tenuously to life along the dried-out river beds. A splendid new four-lane highway has recently been completed across the mountains to link the Gulf coast with the Indian Ocean.

Fujairah, one of the poorer emirates and the only one



Map of the United Arab Emirates showing major cities and the Gulf region.

entirely on the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula, offers the best ocean bathing in the lower Gulf. There are dozens of tiny sandy bays, deserted except for the occasional fisherman's hut. Hotels such as the Fujairah Hilton have their own beaches with all the facilities for marine sports such as scuba diving. Nearly all the hotels in the emirates are in the luxury class, and they provide most of the tourist entertainment, including the only legally available alcohol in the emirates. In Dubai and Al Ain and other main cities, there are many excellent ethnic restaurants where the only drawback is the absence of a glass of wine or beer. Most of the hotels their floor shows which are as popular with the local Arabs as with visiting westerners; the entertainment is served with a lavish buffet in which tiny Lebanese delicacies vie for space with whole roast lambs and huge prawns. The hotels are half empty much of the time, and the scarcity of other tourists is one of the great attractions of a holiday in the UAE. Another great advantage is the tolerance of the authorities towards western customs such as the wearing of bikinis on the beach and women driving. Off the beaches, however, shorts and provocative apparel should not be worn by either sex.

The best time to visit the UAE is between October and April, before heat and humidity set in. Ten nights (11 days) in a top-class Hilton or Holiday Inn costs from £595, including an economy-class return on British Caledonian between Gatwick and Dubai. Breakfast is usually included. A hamburger or omelette in a hotel snack bar costs about £3.50 and a full-scale buffet meal between £10 and £12 excluding drink. A meal in a good Lebanese-style restaurant costs about the same. Cars can be hired from £115.50 a week with the benefit of unlimited mileage. Organized excursions include an overnight safari in the desert complete with camp-fire barbecue and, if you are lucky, a camel race. Holidays can be tailored to meet individual requirements through the Dubai National Air Travel Agency (DNATA) which has recently opened a London office at 22 Old Bond Street, London W1.

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VALUES

From furs to furniture, hats to houses, Beryl Downing finds people who will keep them clean.

How to tan your hide, get dyed and be taken to the cleaners

If cleanliness is next to godliness I should be in line for a halo. I have just submitted my carpets, my clothes and myself to the ministrations of sundry specialists until everything but my conscience is whiter than white.

I learnt a few lessons on route. One we all know, but invariably try to circumvent: it doesn't pay to buy cheaply. If you want to have expensive items cleaned - suede, fur, silks, wedding dresses for instance - don't take them to a chain cleaner; go to the expensive specialist. Otherwise you may find that all the stuffing has been knocked out of the material and it is as unwearable as a fit had been left dirty.

Another is that if you have a long-pile carpet and are using an on-site cleaning service, do make sure that they check the underside for any possible defects if they intend to rake the pile. If you happen to have damp and there is any mildew in the carpet, they could make a hole in it, although raking long pile should not normally damage the fibres.

That was the bad news. The good is that dyeing is making a modest comeback. A year ago there were only a couple of specialist dry cleaners who still undertook dyeing. Now Sketchley's have started a new nationwide service and Collins in London are planning to launch theirs in about four weeks.

What is more, there are still people who will clean gloves, hats and lampshades, even if they are few and far between. If you have specific cleaning problems and an one to solve them locally, the Dry Cleaning Information Service lists specialists throughout the country. Write to them at Lancaster Gate House, 319 Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Meanwhile, here is a selection of services to help with your spring cleaning.

also on offer, a complete take down and rehanging service with guarantees against shredding and shrinkage. One width of lined velvet curtain 6ft long costs about £4.80 with discount for quantity.

Pligim Payne, Latmer Place, Latmer Road, London W10 (860 5856) Cleaners with 130 years experience - and a royal warrant. Carpets and upholstery cleaned on site, curtains taken down, cleaned and re-bung. They also re-line curtains or renew linings. Unlined curtains cost from 75p per foot drop per width.

ServiceMaster, 50 Commercial Square, Freeman's Common, Leicester (0533 548620)

A franchised cleaning service operating worldwide and cleaning 10 million sq ft of carpet every day. They use the water extraction method, or shampoo, and have 30 chemicals that combine to suit the individual carpet. Charges vary among the 153 licensees, depending on their area and travel costs. An Indian carpet, 12ft x 9ft costs £28-£35.85. They also rescue furnishings from flood damage - dry out carpets and stretch back into place. Local franchisees are usually in Yellow Pages, or contact head office, above, for your nearest agent.

Thurcleon, 52 Bondway, London SW8 (682 8033), branches in Leeds and Glasgow

Emergency rescue after flood damage. This company arrives within two hours of a cry for help to extract water from carpets and furnishings, install drying and de-humidifying equipment, clean, and re-fit. They also offer an on-site carpet dyeing service - about one third of the cost of replacement - and they have a new product called Urinex to remove stains and smells - even old ones - left by less than lovable pets. The kit costs £14.95 including pump from the Bondway address.

Pennaclean Marie Blanche, 154 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (622 0151)

Launderers and cleaners who handle curtains, carpets, upholstery - and one of the few who clean lampshades. They do it on site, deal with all fabrics and costs are from 75p to £1 for a small wall light to £3 for a standard lampshade. Branches in Nottingham and Cardiff.

Oriental rugs

Hand cleaning of valuable Persian and other oriental rugs is usually available through retail specialists, who will also restore. There is no flat rate - all work is estimated individually, but you can expect a very lightly soiled rug about 6ft x 4ft in good condition to cost at least £15. Those who offer such services include:

Nissim, 23 Charlotta Road, London EC2 (739 5051) Hand-woven and machine-made rugs cleaned and restored. Axminster and Wilton re-tufted on site - to repair small coal or cigarette burns, for example.



Knuckle-dusting: Mrs Kathleen Heggie of Pullars of Perth goes to work on a glove

Portman Carpets, 7 Portman Square, London W1 (486 3770) Cleaning and restoration of antique and modern, oriental rugs, but only hand-woven.

Eric Pride, 8 Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 580822) Hand-made oriental rugs and kelims cleaned and restored on the premises. Eric Pride has a range of 700 shades of wool and makes blends to achieve any intermediate colours. He does not undertake restoration of silk rugs. Cleaning is 50p per sq ft.

House cleaning

BCS, 108 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 (741 2153)

Contract cleaners who will also spring clean domestic premises - ceilings, walls, paintwork, floors scrubbed, polished or stripped and resealed, cupboards turned out and contents washed. Minimum charge £40.

Skivvies, Unit C, Progress Road, Sands Industrial Estate, High Wycombe, Bucks (0494 442788)

A similar service to BCS, for grand houses where staff cannot cope or will not cope with the heavy stuff. Complete cleaning of smaller houses, too. They will also dry clean carpets and curtains.

Gem of an idea

Exposure, in the nicest possible way, is what many craftsmen need. Too often commissions are lost when their work is shown in a gallery simply because they have no retail outlet and prospective buyers find it too inconvenient to contact the designer direct.

The British Crafts Centre are taking a first step towards putting this right by organizing an important promotion of designer jewelry with Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1, who have given the display a prime site on their ground floor until May 16.

The range is remarkable. There are combinations of niobium and diamonds by Cathy Morrell, which achieve interesting contrasts of texture and colour, and Jacqueline Mina blends 16ct gold with coloured titanium to glamorous effect. In a less expensive category there are interesting wood and perspex bracelets and earrings by Lesley Miller for £13.50. Price is always a problem for craftsmen trying to sell through retail outlets. It seems to me that

J. G. McDonough, 347 New Kings Road, London SW8 (736 5148) Plasterwork, cornices and ceiling roses cleaned and restored. Missing or damaged pieces can be matched exactly and sometimes this is less expensive than cleaning, particularly when detail has been obscured by years of emulsion paint. They deal with small domestic jobs from £100 to vast city premises at £100,000. Mouldings are from £1 to £20 per ft. Similar services are offered by Moran & Wheatley, Avondale Place, Bathaston, Somerset (0225 859678) and Hodkin & Jones, 515 Queen's Road, Sheffield (0742 56121).

recovered from £27.25, converted to duvets from £38.75. Dyeing service (17 colours) will be available by the end of May.

Clothes

Collins Couture Cleaners, 99 Gloucester Road, London SW7 (373 8089), head office and 15 London branches.

Specialists in delicate fabrics, sequinned dresses, pleating. First class cleaning of leather - my suede jacket was returned pristine and supple - plus repairs to leathers and sheepskins. Excellent and best value hand-finished tie cleaning, £1.50, zip repairs £3.25, reining from £15 for a skirt, duvets and pillows cleaned, eiderdowns

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the best way of encouraging British craftsmanship would be to lower the retail margins, and so sell more of the work, but this view is not taken by most retail stores with high overheads. Many talented designers bring their work to the hoping for publicity, which lack of space precludes. The occasionally bend the rules to give young designers a better chance of being seen and selling more.



Silver brooch, silver and niobium, about £182

Hand-finished laundry of fine linen, cleaners of antique clothes, soft toys, curtains, suede and leather, fur restoration. Cleaning of day clothes is from £5.65 for ladies' dresses, £21.60 for suede jackets, men's ties replaced from £7.40. Free delivery as far as Wimbledon Village, Toxteth and Stanmore.

Incidentally, being in a grumpy mood, I wish the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths would reconsider their hall-marking rules. It seems absurd to me that silver and gold cannot be hall-marked when they are combined with other metals such as titanium and niobium. If I had £2,160 to spend on the most expensive piece in the



Gold and niobium brooch, about £225

price they ask often barely covers their costs, yet if they sell through stores the retail mark-up is so high that the object becomes over-priced. It would be nice to think that a powerful, rich store would

IN THE GARDEN

down by the design team. The national bulb and seed organizations as well as the Bedding Plant Association and the Royal Parks will also be involved. Indoor plants have not been neglected. Throughout the festival there will be displays under cover to allow the indoor specialists to show what they can do.

About 100,000 trees have already been planted on the site and reclamation planting will double this number. This must be one of the biggest planting schemes ever undertaken in a single season.

The landscaping will not be the only feature: there will be more plants than at the Chelsea Flower Show. Lord Abernethy, president of the Royal Horticultural Society, is the commissioner general of Liverpool 84 and he is actively encouraging countries and people to participate. Sponsorship is invited from firms and organizations. They can write to International Garden Festival 84, Merseyside Development Corporation, 4th Floor, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool L3 1JH.

Ashley Stephenson

Lilliman & Cox, 34 Bruton Place, Berkeley Square, London W1 (829 4559) Sidney Lilliman, a master tailor, founded the company in 1944 with Arthur Cox and their three royal warrants testify to the high standards originally set and still maintained. They specialize in furs, suede and leather, uniforms, riding wear, theatrical costumes, bridal wear and raincoats. A two-piece suit costs £3.50 to clean, £5 to press only, ladies' gilet jacket £14, day dress £9.50, trouser half-pockets £5.50 to replace. Delivery in London or postal service.

Harry Berger, 25 Station Road, Chesle Hume, Chesle, Cheshire (061 485 3421) Postal and personal dyeing service with the best colour range I have seen. Harry Berger's company was founded by his grandfather and father in 1912, when they were also bespoke tailors. Their textile background gave them practical knowledge of fabrics, and they send out an extremely useful sheet of notes on the suitability of fabrics for dyeing plus a chart of fade-resistant ratings for velvet curtains. They have 22 colours, plus black and they include shades not attempted by other postal services. Sample prices: skirt £6.60, candlewick single bedspread £6.90, curtains £3.45 per sq yd, curtain plus postage. They are also general dry cleaners, and offer an alteration service; they even turn collars, from £1.50. Send a 9in x 6in sae for brochure before despatching clothes.

Gloves

Pullars of Perth, 35 Kinnoul Street, Perth (0738 29458); Athelrey Cleaners, 74 High Street, Shirley, Southampton (0703 788882); and Park Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1a Brownlow Street, Weymouth, Dorset (030 57 72573) All these firms clean gloves - most others find it uneconomic. Expect to pay about £1.80 for fabric, £2.65 for leather, any length.

Hats

Lewis & Wayne, 9 Streatham High Road, London SW16 (769 8777). Branches in Elystan Street, London, SW3 and High Street, London, SE20. Will clean trilby hats at £2.25 and fur hats from £3 in addition to their usual laundering and cleaning services.

Suede, leather, fur

Suede and Leather Care, 30 Preston Street, Brighton (0273 27488)

Cleaning and renovation of all suedes, leathers, sheepskins and fur. They will re-suede, re-tint, re-panels, re-model and offer a postal cleaning service. A three-quarter-length coat cleaned, redressed and siliconed (to prevent spotting when you go out in the rain) from £18.50 to £28.50 if the condition is poor. They also make leather clothes to order.

Suede Services, 2a Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 (455 0052)

Leon Simons has specialized in the treatment of suedes and leathers for 40 years. He re-panels, re-tints, resurfaces every type of natural skin garment. Cleaning of a skirt is £9.50, suede jacket £22 to £25, trousers £10. Fourteen-day postal service available.

Victor Segal Company, Invicta House, 17 Dufferin Street, London EC1 (253 3877)

The largest fur renovation specialists in the country. They clean, repair and remodel and can arrange for fur to be dyed.

Westmans Cleaners, Devonshire Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon (0934 28165)

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Dyeing

Harry Berger, 25 Station Road, Chesle Hume, Chesle, Cheshire (061 485 3421) Postal and personal dyeing service with the best colour range I have seen. Harry Berger's company was founded by his grandfather and father in 1912, when they were also bespoke tailors. Their textile background gave them practical knowledge of fabrics, and they send out an extremely useful sheet of notes on the suitability of fabrics for dyeing plus a chart of fade-resistant ratings for velvet curtains. They have 22 colours, plus black and they include shades not attempted by other postal services. Sample prices: skirt £6.60, candlewick single bedspread £6.90, curtains £3.45 per sq yd, curtain plus postage. They are also general dry cleaners, and offer an alteration service; they even turn collars, from £1.50. Send a 9in x 6in sae for brochure before despatching clothes.

Gloves

Pullars of Perth, 35 Kinnoul Street, Perth (0738 29458); Athelrey Cleaners, 74 High Street, Shirley, Southampton (0703 788882); and Park Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1a Brownlow Street, Weymouth, Dorset (030 57 72573) All these firms clean gloves - most others find it uneconomic. Expect to pay about £1.80 for fabric, £2.65 for leather, any length.

Hats

Lewis & Wayne, 9 Streatham High Road, London SW16 (769 8777). Branches in Elystan Street, London, SW3 and High Street, London, SE20. Will clean trilby hats at £2.25 and fur hats from £3 in addition to their usual laundering and cleaning services.

Suede, leather, fur

Suede and Leather Care, 30 Preston Street, Brighton (0273 27488)

Cleaning and renovation of all suedes, leathers, sheepskins and fur. They will re-suede, re-tint, re-panels, re-model and offer a postal cleaning service. A three-quarter-length coat cleaned, redressed and siliconed (to prevent spotting when you go out in the rain) from £18.50 to £28.50 if the condition is poor. They also make leather clothes to order.

Suede Services, 2a Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 (455 0052)

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DRINK

Bibber's invitation to bliss

Cynical wine bibbers may well feel that France, and Bordeaux in particular, produces a "vintage of the century" just about every year, but few of us would deny that the '61 clarets are every Bordeaux wine buff's idea of heaven. Clarets cognoscenti regard the '61s, along with the legendary '45, '49s and '53s, as standing head and shoulders above any other claret vintages within recent memory, with several going so far as to single out the '61s as the most magnificent of them all. Certainly the current auction room prices of the '61 first growths, which exchange hands for a hefty £100 per bottle and more, reflect this view.

As with those other vintages of the century it was the freak weather pattern during the spring and summer of 1961 that created such a miraculous vintage. A poor spring with rain and frost dramatically reduced the crop. This was followed by an incredibly dry, hot August and September. The result was a small but highly concentrated crop of grapes. In fact the '61 red wine vintage is one of the smallest on record since the war.

All of which should explain why I posted off an immediate acceptance to an extraordinary generous invitation from Keith Knight of the Housatonic House Hotel in Scotland to celebrate the coming of age of his son Sandy with a unique tasting of no less than 31 top wines from this vintage. Just over a dozen of us sat down to this event.

As always, scores and opinions differed slightly, but the overall view was that Petrus and Latour just had the edge over the rest. I was inclined to favour the latter, for Latour's tremendous glycol-in concentration and depth means that this great wine will definitely outlive the rest. The revered '61 Petrus was for me a bit of a puzzle; its staggeringly rich, almost sabbaturn fruit reminded me a little of those New World Merlots, and although it softened off slightly in the glass, he warned: this wine at first sip is positively overwhelming.

I placed Cheval Blanc and Palmer roughly on a par with Latour. Cheval Blanc because its powerful and seductive cedar-wood perfume and taste are to me exactly what a great claret is all about, and Palmer because this big, fruity charmer is indeed a classic from this claret and to me deserves every inch of its reputation.

Running second equal with Petrus in my book was Mouton Rothschild whose intense, rich, cassis character was of star quality and, like the Latour, Mouton is capable of going on for quite some years yet. Lafite crept in for me in third place and, like everyone else at this tasting, I found its admittedly elegant hazel and blackcurrant bouquet coupled with a slightly acidic taste a bit of a disappointment - particularly as its auction price is so high.

Unlike the others I relegated the last two first growths to my second division, definitely preferring Cos d'Estournel, Ducru Beaucailou and Figeac to Margaux and Haut Brion. Cos d'Estournel in particular boasted a lovely spicy, peppery taste while that other second growth, Ducru Beaucailou, also seemed a definite step ahead of the second with its austere, smoky-cedar character.

Figeac was also showing its fine, grassy-blackcurrant Cabernet Sauvignon style with ease. Margaux came next on my list; the problem with this '61 is that it took a very long time to come round in the glass. But after much dithering it eventually produced a very fine, fragrant flowery bouquet and taste. Haut Brion again was a slight disappointment as I felt this '61 was edgy, nervous and really not at its best at this stage. But overall I felt these '61s represented a magical vintage, with all save the odd wine drinking beautifully now. What better way of celebrating a twenty-first could anyone have? Happy Birthday!

Jane MacQuitty

The '61 first-growth clarets are very rare and difficult to obtain through wine merchants. The best sources is at auction. Christie's (839 3050) have a small quantity of '61 clarets coming up for auction on May 12 and a much larger quantity on May 19. Sotheby's (483 8061) will be auctioning '61 clarets on June 15.

A riot of colour for Toxteth at Liverpool flower festival

Almost exactly 12 months from now, the biggest horticultural event since the 1851 Exhibition was reassembled at Sydenham will open in Liverpool. It will run from May to October.

The International Garden Festival is promoted and organized by the Merseyside Development Corporation and is already being called "Liverpool 84". Gardening display is the main theme of the exhibition but it will be broadly based to appeal to a wide public.

The site of the exhibition is 125 acres of derelict dockland, close to the Toxteth area of Liverpool. Work has been in progress for more than 12 months and more than 4,250,000 cubic feet of soil have been used. Old petroleum tanks

and a derelict dock have been filled in and landscaped to create a site suitable for a festival. Design is in the hands of a number of teams of architects, each of which has a particular project to manage. The design co-ordinator is R. D. Beaumont of William Gillespie and Partners.

Following the post-war German example, the festival will provide the impetus for establishing a permanent park for so area of the city which has been neglected for too long. About half the site, including much of the landscaping as well as the water features, will remain after the festival as a public garden. The hall and arena will be converted into a sports and recreation centre by the city council and have been

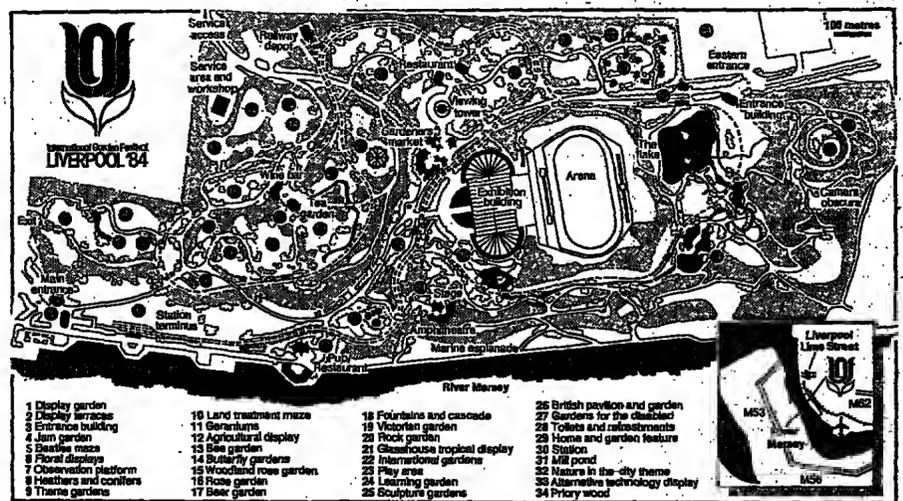
designed with such conversion in mind. The rest of the site will be given over to science-based industry and housing. A master plan has been agreed for the design teams and the costing is being controlled by Tweed, Atkinson, Lewis and Partners.

Area 1 comprises the domestic and international theme gardens, the home and garden feature and structure plantings. Area 2 has a water feature and some development of the central road which runs through the site, a gardeners' market and more structure plantings. Both areas are with William Gillespie and Partners.

Staff from Brian Clouston and Partners are in charge of Area 3, the riverside area, which will demonstrate interlinking footpaths and permanent planting of woodlands as well as the theme of nature in the city.

Area 4 will take in the winning design from the landscape competition as well as the water feature which is to be part of this exhibition. Derek Lovjoy and Partners are to carry out this work. Arup Associates have Area 5 and their contribution is to be a domed structure to house the indoor plant exhibits as well as the piazza and service area for the arena.

Areas 6, 7 and 8 are structure developments such as the miniature railway, the hydraulics for the water features, the esplanade and river walks as well as the new river wall. Firms involved in these areas include Ward, Ashcroft and Parkman, W. G. Curtin and Partners and Cass Associates.



Beautiful site: Liverpool 84, the most ambitious horticultural event in Britain for more than 100 years

The exhibition will be international and will include gardens from the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, Canada, Portugal, Belgium, Italy and Greece. The organizers hope that there will be up to 20 foreign entries. The Department of the Environment is involved in plans for a British pavilion.

It is hoped that the high quality of the international exhibits will stimulate British horticulturalists to do even better. Among the many exciting projects are a garden commemorating the Beatles, another on the theme of the streets of Liverpool and a jam garden. The Royal National Rose Society will present a rose garden and, intriguingly, there will be a "whisky garden".

An exhibit called "Gardening for Everyone" will concentrate on help and advice for disabled gardeners, who often derive greater pleasure from their gardens than do the able-bodied.

Bedding will naturally play an important part in producing colour and spectacle during the exhibition. At present there are 30 local authorities developing schemes and ideas to a brief laid

down by the design team. The national bulb and seed organizations as well as the Bedding Plant Association and the Royal Parks will also be involved. Indoor plants have not been neglected. Throughout the festival there will be displays under cover to allow the indoor specialists to show what they can do.

About 100,000 trees have already been planted on the site and reclamation planting will double this number. This must be one of the biggest planting schemes ever undertaken in a single season.

The landscaping will not be the only feature: there will be more plants than at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Lord Abernethy, president of the Royal Horticultural Society, is the commissioner general of Liverpool 84 and he is actively encouraging countries and people to participate. Sponsorship is invited from firms and organizations. They can write to International Garden Festival 84, Merseyside Development Corporation, 4th Floor, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool L3 1JH.

Ashley Stephenson

Corylopsis

These are a small group of plants which flower in the spring, in the south they are in flower now or just passing over, while in the more northerly parts they are just coming into flower. The Corylopsis belongs to the same family as the Witch Hazel, both also producing flowers on leafless branches. Leaves are beginning to burst as the flowers fade but the pale yellow flowers are another reminder that summer is almost here.

There are at least three species which can be bought by shopping around; there are others but these can be difficult to buy. Corylopsis pauciflora needs some shelter from cold winds. Racemes of light yellow flowers are carried on leafless branches and they have a light scent to them. When mature they can be at least 6ft high and have an even wider spread.

Corylopsis Wilmoreana, next on my list, is a taller shrub and more upright in habit; it needs less room to spread but requires an open position still protected from cold winds. (Cold drying winds affect the plants) in the right position they will tolerate low temperatures but never wet ground. The racemes of flowers are more dense than the pauciflora's and somewhat longer; the colour is also a little deeper. Its flowers are scattered.

Corylopsis sinensis is the most attractive of the three, is still an

excellent early flowering shrub. It will reach 5ft or 6ft and is fairly rounded in habit; in common with the others, it is inclined to be twiggy. Flower colour is paler and could possibly be said to be greenish yellow; the flowers are scented and they are earlier than the other two by about a week. Once planted they need little attention, pruning only to retain shape or to keep into a restricted area. Preferably plant in lime-free ground although they will tolerate a little lime in the soil. Prices for nursery plants are about £10 each.



Corylopsis sinensis

Time is our secret



BEER IMPORTED GERMAN LAGER

Advertisement for Ken Muir Strawberries, featuring a large image of a strawberry and promotional text.

Advertisement for STOP THE FLAG, featuring a flag and promotional text.

REVIEW Old jazz records reissued

Replicas that hark back to Hard Bop

Browsing through the racks of specialist jazz record shops is becoming increasingly like entering a time machine...

during the Hard Bop era, soon after the long-playing record had become established in those days, he probably could afford to purchase only the smallest proportion of the recordings of date which were pouring out of the studio of New York and Los Angeles...



Spirit of jazz: Stylish sleeve grace reissues by Thelonious Monk, Kenny Burrell and Harold Land

Only tiny legends betray the fact that some of those beautiful Blue Note discs, reissued in their original Reid Miles covers, come from Japan, others from France; a small symbol indicates the French provenance of the sturdy Japanese...

Auctions are one increasingly popular way to satisfy the desire. Original Blue Note Riverside, Contemporary and Prestige pressings are now put out to bidding on circularized lists by a number of specialists...

Some enclosed in covers fabricated from something approaching the old thick matt board used in the days when the records came from 43 West 61st Street, New York - indeed, in the case of the recently released *Quebec* and *Sentimental*, by Ike Quebec, they have even gone to the length of maintaining the discrepancy between that address, which was printed at the bottom of the rear of the jacket, and 47 West 63rd Street, which appears on the disc's label.

Paris, Pathé-Marconi has picked up the idea and is now marketing its own line of Blue Note replicas. Not quite as convincingly accurate as the Japanese, they nevertheless have almost the correct grade of sleeve card and a pressing as close as is possible with today's European technology...

The French have also been at it with the Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland catalogues, thanks to the house of Carrère. Evidence (*Prestige New Jazz 68328*) is in some ways the most satisfying recording by that prolific soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy, thanks to brilliant work by the trumpeter Don Cherry and drummer Billy Higgins...

I had not heard Harold Land's *West Coast Blues* (*Jazzland 9205*) before, but in the light of his other excellent sessions from the period, such as *Contemporary The Jazz and Atlantic's Hear Ye Hear Ye*, was fully prepared for the substantial nature of a session which teams the saxophonist with Joe Gordon's trumpet...

Wes Montgomery's guitar and something described by the sleeve copy writer in the argot of the era as the "all-soul rhythm section" of Barry Harris, Sam Jones and Louis Hayes - Cannonball Adderley's unit at the time.

So much, at least in outline, for Japan and France. Now the original source has cottoned on, and the present owners of Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland - the Fantasy company of California - have put together an extensive release of 40 items from the archives, each in the form in which it was first seen, and retailing at the very rational price of about £5.

The foundation of this exemplary record is one of the great Miles Davis rhythm sections, in which Kelly is joined by Paul Chambers and Jimmy Cobb; on two of the LP's six tracks they are augmented by Nat Adderley (cornet), Bobby Jaspar (flute) and Benoy Golson (tenor saxophone).

None of the replicas so far discussed has been generated by the company which initiated the recordings: these catalogues long ago passed into other hands. An exception is the Contemporary label, which specialized in the West Coast Jazz of the 1950s and 1960s, and which has lately been reactivated by the son of the company's founder.

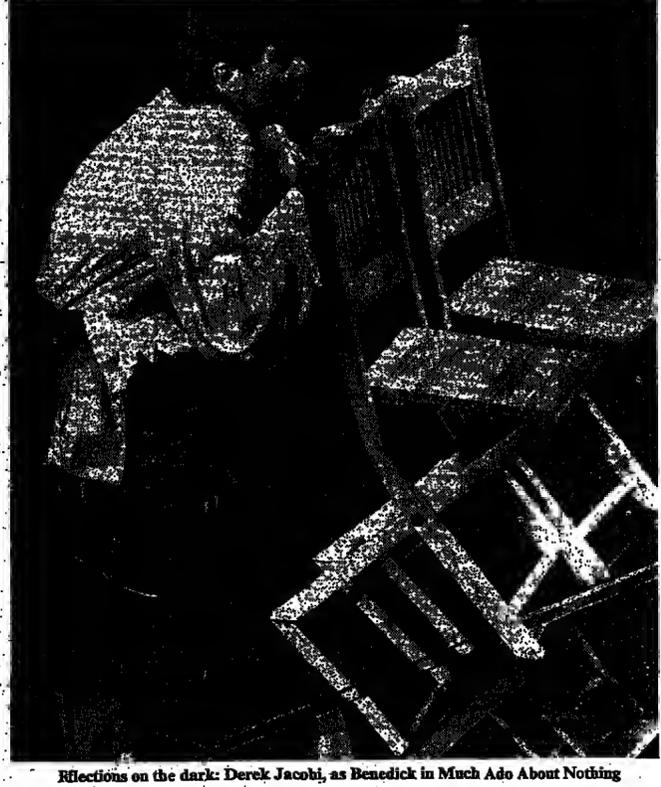
Richard Williams

PREVIEW Theatre

Never too much of Much Ado

The opening of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Barbican Theatre this week marks Derek Jacobi's first performance in London with the Royal Shakespeare Company. The highly acclaimed and good-looking production was first seen last year at Stratford-on-Avon, directed by Terry Hands and with Sinead Cusack playing Beatrice opposite Derek Jacobi's Benedick.

ahead of them, and this changes the play radically. Hands had been interpreted as being very black in their humour, by making Beatrice and Benedick young people, the black humour is diminished and the wit becomes more enjoyable, he believes. A Beatrice in her early twenties - where Hands places her - while wistful at having already passed marriageable age, can still be optimistic about the future.



Reflections on the dark: Derek Jacobi, as Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing

Critics' choice

ANOTHER COUNTRY Queen's (734 1166) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm and Sat at 5.15pm. Wars won on the playing fields of Eton are at the opposite end of an English public school as a breeding ground for traitors. A fascinating production by Stuart Burge with a cast including Daniel Day-Lewis and John Dougal.

and Rosalyn Harris, Paxton Whitehead and Simon Ward make the comedies a real treat. A MAP OF THE WORLD Lyttelton 28 2252 May 12, 1st 7.45pm. In repertory David Harcourt acts versus social actor in the form of a duel between anti-patriot Indian novelist and radical English journalist, against the background of a Bomb conference on world poverty. A tily, eloquent and totally overgrown production, with a fine central partnership between Brian Seth and Bill Nighy.

MR CINDER Fortune (832 2238) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.45pm; matinees Thurs at 3pm and 8.45pm. Packed with scathing songs and boasting a wily performance by Denis Lawson's acrobatic brilliance, Vyn Ellis's 1929 musical recast Cinderella in the anyone-for-tenis age. Modest staging; but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

THE REAL THING Strand (836 2800) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Highly uncharacteristic play by Tom Stoppard, starring Roger Rees as a successful playwright who discovers true love at the cost of his marbles, a fate the play shares with its protagonist, despite much ingenuity, some marvellous writing and a gallant performance by Felicity Kendal.

SMALL CHANGE Cottesloe (928 2252) May 9-12 at 7.30pm (May 9: "Bergain Night" - all seats £2, unreserved). In repertory Revival of Peter Gil's evocation of childhood in working-class Cardiff, assembled from numerous remembered details and dissolving the boundaries between past and present.

PREVIEW Galleries

NOVA MULHER Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (538 4141). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 10am-11pm. The Festival of Brazil begins with a two-part show giving an overall picture of the work of women artists in Brazil today and of Brazilian women artists based in Europe. An exhibition of works by 10 of the former and nine of the latter, covering a wide variety of media, is accompanied by another devoted to Rita Loureira's colourful paintings "Interpretation of Macunaima", in which the self-taught artist evokes scenes and images from the legend of the Brazilian folk-hero.

THE AMERICAN PHOTOREALISTS Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (838 5842). Until June 3, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. The United States was the original home of the movement of painting known as photorealism or hyperrealism, and it continues today to be one of the most fruitful sources of new art along this line.

PAULE VEZELAY Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until May 22, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. The Anglo-French painter has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and this retrospective is an overdue tribute. She was born in Bristol, spent many years in Paris, where she was involved in the abstraction-creation movement of the 1930s and returned to Britain in 1938. She was one of the earliest British artists to go over completely to abstraction.

THE HAGUE SCHOOL Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 9052). Until July 18, daily 10am-6pm. The Hague School of painters laid the foundations for some of the developments in twentieth-century art. Inspired by seventeenth-century Dutch canvases, their paintings between 1870 and 1900 were avidly collected in America and Britain. One hundred and thirty landscapes, marine scenes and interiors by Bloemers, Bosboom and other members of the school are on show, as well as several early paintings by Van Gogh and Mondrian, who were both influenced by them.

INFOCUS Kodak Gallery, 180 High Holborn, London WC1 (405 7841). Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, until June 3. Work from the Association of Freelance Advertising and Editorial Photographers which amounts to the high gloss saccharin world of advertising: exotic locations and exotic colour from which technically competent work is produced.

ALVIN LANGDON COBURN: MAN OF MARK 1882-1966 Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. In 1930 Coburn gave his collection of photographs to the Royal Photographic Society before destroying 15,000 negatives; this exhibition is drawn from that archive.

STONYPATH AND CITY LIGHTS Photogallery, The Foresters' Arms, Shepherd Street, St Leonards, East Sussex (0424 448140). Until May 21, Wed-Sat 11am-6pm. Photographs by John Stathatos of Ian Hamilton Finlay's outrageous sculpture garden which is currently under threat in Scotland, plus a colour sequence on London's urban landscape.

THE SICILIAN MAFIA Cameraclub, 121 Roman Road, London E2 (860 6256). Until May 28, Tues 1-6pm, Wed-Sat 11am-6pm. For more than a century the Mafia has been the dominant force in Sicilian social and political life. The last 20 years have seen its expansion into international drug trafficking and high finance. This exhibition is the work of members of the Sicilian Documentation Centre which was founded in 1977 to research and document the problem of the Mafia. Photographs

The Great Kovari's Magic Show. Amazing illusions for everyone over 4 yrs. Sat 7 & Sun 8 May 2.30pm. Tickets £1.20-£3.00. Unicorn Theatre. Box Office: 01-836 3334.

Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Repertory (021 236 4458). The American Cabaret by Arthur Hober, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4pm and 8pm; matinee Thurs at 2.30pm. The British premiere of Miller's latest play, which focuses on the tragedy and absurdity of America's Depression years. Directed by Peter Farago, with Joris Stuyck and Ben Warriss.

continues with performances by companies from eastern and western Europe, Africa, North America, the Caribbean and the British Isles. This week's highlights: Dario Fo and Franca Rame's *Femine Paris*, performed by Juliet Cidzow (Mayfest Club, Mitchell Theatre, today at 10pm); *The Best of the Black Light Theatre*, a compilation by the famous Prague illusionists (Tron, today at 8pm and 8pm; *Pink and Inky*, a double bill on the life for the black South African, written and directed by Soyinka Akinola; Theatre from Sitweto (Third Eye Centre, today at 7pm); *Spooks* by Swine, a Georgian farce, and *Don Juan* by Molin, performed by the Tbilisi Film Actors Studio Theatre from the Soviet Union (Tron, Tues-Sat 8pm; matinee May 14 at 2pm); *The Stab Boys* by John Byrne, the zomic

trilogy about life in a Paley carpet factory, here performed in a complete run in the Traverse Theatre Company (Citizens, until May 14, Mon-Fri 7.30pm; complete cycle Sat at 12pm, 4pm and 8pm); LIVERPOOL: Everyman (051 708 4775). Our Day at the Races. A musical version of Russell's famous television play, which describes the chaos of a school trip to Wales. A joint production by the Liverpool Everyman Youth Theatre. Music by Billy Russell, Bob Eaton and Chris Mellor.

Salisbury: Playhouse (0722 20117). The Secret Garden adapted by Alfred Shangnessay from the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, music by Sharon Burgett. Tues, Wed and Fri at 7.15pm. Thurs at 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm. The first musical version of the children's classic, in which a disagreeable orphan girl unlocks the secrets of a large house on the Yorkshire moors. Directed by David Horlock, with Sara Markand, Richard Charles and Jonathan Jackson as the young principals.

Today Mon, Thurs, Fri at 7.30pm. Directed by John Caird, with Miles Anderson, Gemma Jones, John Thaw, Zoë Wanamaker, Daniel Massey and Emrys James, Jeffrey Caesar. Tues, Wed at 7.30pm; matinees today and May 12 at 1.30pm. Both plays continue in repertory. Directed by Ron Daniels, with Joseph O'Connor, David Schofield, Gemma Jones, Emrys James, Peter McEnery.

STRAFORD: The Other Place (0783 22823). The Time of Your Life by William Saroyan. Today at 2pm, Tues, Wed at 7.30pm. In repertory. The first RSC production of Saroyan's gentle comedy of the Depression years, set in a waterfront bar in San Francisco. Directed by Howard Davies, with Daniel Massey, John Thaw, Zoë Wanamaker.

Nottingham: Theatre Royal (052 42326). Building Brown Sugar, music by Mike Ellington, Fats Waller, Ellingboley, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman and others, choreography by Billy Wilson. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinees Wed and Sat at 2.30pm. The successful celebration of Harlem's music and night life continues its tour of Britain.

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Bassishaw holding out

Bassishaw Investments is still holding out against Hanson Trust's successful takeover of the UDS stores group.

SUPPORT FOR CHINA

The Philippines, France and Pakistan yesterday called for the admission of China into the Asian Development Bank.

Energy conservation

Nigel Lawson, the Energy Secretary, has decided to set up an Energy Efficiency Office within the Department of Energy.

HELIOPHON ORDER

Management Aviation has ordered four SA 365 N Dauphin 2 helicopters from Aerospatiale of France for north sea duty.

ELECTRONIC LINK

Philips and Inductus Zanussi yesterday signed a letter of intent saying they were prepared to work towards cooperation in consumer electronics.

TOURIST CASH

Italy's ministry of foreign trade yesterday announced that it was easing currency export restrictions on Italian tourists travelling abroad.

FED REJECTION

Mr Henry Wallich, US Federal Reserve Board Governor, rejected the notion that interest rates could be lowered through cooperative actions by big central banks.

Wall St stocks pushing higher

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks were pushing still higher yesterday after surging past the record closing high of 1,226.20 reached on April 29.

US jobless rate falls again

The United States unemployment rate dropped slightly in April for the second consecutive month giving convincing evidence of a growing recovery in business.

White House officials said the figures were welcome evidence that President Reagan's programme was working and a strong recovery had begun.

Benn board 'yes' to £12m Extel bid

The board of Benn Brothers, the specialist publishers, has recommended a £12.7m takeover bid by Extel Group.

Sears buys stake in Central TV

Associated Communications Corporation, the showbusiness empire once run by Lord Grade, has sold its 51 per cent shareholding in Central Independent Television.

Energy ministers may approve compromise

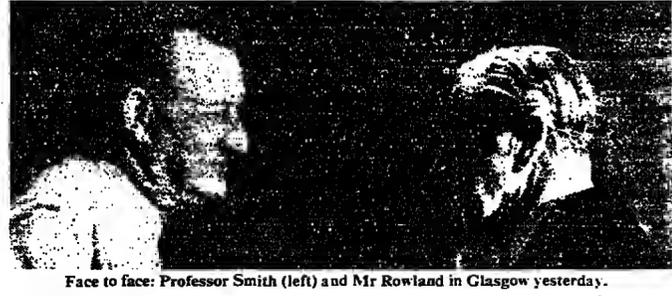
Energy ministers from the leading industrialized nations are expected to approve this weekend a compromise report on the security, which has been carefully designed to defuse the longstanding dispute between the United States and Europe over the controversial Soviet gas pipeline.

Soviet pipeline peace formula

The report will be studied at the two-day ministerial meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA) which begins in Paris tomorrow.

Hambros consortium may enter House of Fraser struggle Shareholders' vote on Harrods demerger hanging in balance

The outcome of Lorrho's battle to demerge Harrods from the rest of the House of Fraser department stores group continued to hang in the balance yesterday.



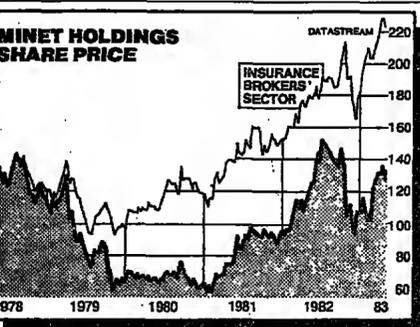
Face to face: Professor Smith (left) and Mr Rowland in Glasgow yesterday.

Thomas Tilling, the industrial conglomerate currently fighting off a £600m takeover bid from BTR, was believed to be one of the major Fraser shareholders to swap allegiance to Lorrho for yesterday's vote.

Bank has been trying to put together a consortium of buyers either to bid for the whole group, or the Lorrho holding.

Whether a consortium exists is a matter of some speculation. It is certainly true that Hambros

Fraser's chairman was clearly concerned at the prospect of defeat and after the shareholders' meeting he back pedalled on previous pledges to resign if he lost the vote.



St Paul lifts Minet stake

The St Paul companies, a US insurance group, yesterday increased its stake in Minet Holdings, the British insurance broking firm.

The group decided to go ahead with the purchase of a further 790,000 shares in Minet despite a warning last month from Sir Peter Green, chairman of Lloyd's that St Paul should

Recovery is here, says GKN chief

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman of GKN, Keen & Nettlefolds, Britain's largest engineering company, yesterday followed the CBI and Government ministers in suggesting that the recession is ending.

The recovery has already been felt at the sharp end of the manufacturing industry, where GKN has made pretax profits in the first quarter of 1983 which are equal to those achieved in the second half of last year.

The chairman's optimism helped boost GKN's shares by 6p to 165p but they later fell back to 160p

Budget boost makes Amoco field viable

Amoco, the United States oil company, said yesterday that it hoped to develop a small North Sea oil field called Arbroath as a result of the Government's oil taxation concessions in the Budget.

The oil company is a partner of British Gas in four of the five oil fields which Mr Nigel Lawson, the Secretary of State for Energy, has ordered the corporation to prepare to sell.

Call for Laker arbitration

Attempts to resolve a dispute between the British and United States governments arising out of a multi-million dollar anti-trust action in the United States by the liquidator of Laker Airways against competitor airlines may have to go to arbitration.

PERFORMANCE OF MAJOR UNIT TRUST GROUPS TO 1 APRIL 1983. Over one year: 1. Henderson, 2. Save & Prosper, 3. Hill Samuel. Over two years: 1. Henderson, 2. Hill Samuel, 3. Lloyds Bank. Over three years: 1. Henderson, 2. TSB Trust, 3. Hill Samuel. Over four years: 1. Henderson, 2. TSB Trust, 3. Allied Hambro. Over five years: 1. Henderson, 2. TSB Trust, 3. Allied Hambro. Over six years: 1. Henderson, 2. Allied Hambro, 3. TSB Trust. Over seven years: 1. Henderson, 2. TSB Trust, 3. Allied Hambro.

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City Comment Pensions and politics

It is probably too much to expect any organization to support moves which may weaken its own position. But the degree of self-interest shown by the occupational pensions industry, and those who earn a comfortable living from it, is so naked as to embarrass even some of its own members.

The debate on pension rights for early leavers reached new levels of acrimony yesterday when Mr Stewart Lyon, president of the Institute of Actuaries, attacked the pensions report from the Centre for Policy Studies as "superficial and seriously lacking in balance".

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Profits double at UEI By Victor Felstead UEI Year to 31.1.83. Pretax profit, £9.41m (£4.2m). Stated earnings, 12.6p (11.4p). Turnover, £58.7m (£30.25m). Net dividend, 5.0p (4.3p).

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sandy McLachlan

Time to breathe life into Liffe

This week's announcement by the Government that legislation will be introduced to treat for tax purposes pension fund transactions in financial futures in the same way as their other investments has been warmly welcomed.

SHARE HIGHLIGHTS Table with columns: Company, Price, Y'day, Change, 1982-83 High, Low, Comment

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF Yorkville Year to 31.1.83. Pretax profit, £1.12m (£1.8m). Stated earnings, 52.8p (56.7p). Turnover, £4.71m (£4.17m). Net dividend, 18.0p (16.5p).

INITIAL OFFER M&G GOLD

The M&G Gold & General Unit trust will invest for capital growth through a portfolio of gold mining shares based on South Africa, North America and Australia. An interest may also be taken from time to time in companies concerned with other precious metals.

Don Brothers for the first time in seven years a British company is making a straightforward introduction to the Stock Exchange.

It talks about assets, industrial logic, and comparative historical results, and indulges in a certain amount of knocking Heworth. It offers no profit forecast at this stage which makes its financial adviser, S. G. Warburg does not feel that the market is running the defence.

More than a quarter of the shares are already in public hands and there will probably be some sellers in the market on Monday.

Steelley Steelley may forgive the little attention being paid to its first defence document in reply to

Much more interesting is to compare the Warburg tactics in this bid with BIR bid for Thomas Tilling - where again it is on the defensive side. Tilling's defence document was for real: it offered everything but the kitchen sink and, having failed to get a monopoly reference, Tilling/Warburg must be thinking of price rather than winning.

The low-key approach to the Steelley defence in the early stages suggests that Warburg is thinking in terms of winning rather than price.

COMMODITIES Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change, etc.

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Advertisement for Bristol & West Extra Interest Account and Plus Account, featuring interest rates and application details.

Income plans

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Expatriates advice

Home policy revamp

Norwich Union is revamping its Home Plus policy for houses and flats without any increase in levels of premium.

Cover on cash in the house has been increased from £50 to £200 and accidental damage to televisions, video recorders, audio equipment and home computers now automatically forms part of the cover.

Premium rates for self-contained flats, maisonettes and apartments of standard construction have been reduced from £2 per £1,000 to £1.50 per £1,000.

Car premiums up

Most private car policy-holders with Royal Insurance will find their premiums increased by 7 per cent from May 7.

Some policy-holders will be better off after district rate changes, and certain discounts are being improved. For instance, husband or wife-only driving will now attract the same 10 per cent discount as insured-only driving and a new discount is introduced for cars over five years old.

Security plus

The Sussex County Building Society and AMEV Life Assurance have launched the County Capital Growth Plan which combines the advantages of investing in a managed fund with the security of a building society account.

The investment (minimum £2,000) is placed in a special Sussex County account where it earns a guaranteed 1 1/2 per cent above the ordinary share account rate. From this account, one eighth of the initial investment is deducted each year to fund the net

At the end of the ten-year period of the growth plan, the investor receives the maturity value of the investment plan, the balance of the building society account plus an additional bonus from the Sussex County of 5 per cent of the original investment - all tax free for basic-rate taxpayers.

The highly successful Framlington unit trust group is managing the AMEV fund in which contributions to the investment plan are channelled.

Joint credit card

Leeds Permanent Building Society is linking with Yorkshire Bank and Barclaycard to provide a credit card facility for its investors.

Card-holders will be able to use Barclays Bank cash dispensers and make monthly settlements at branches of the Leeds.



Govett: a service for all types of investor is his aim

Govett launch

John Govett, investment manager, is moving into the unit trust business. Govett, which manages four investment trusts (Border & Southern, General Stockholders, Lake View and Stockholders), various pension funds, and other institutional and private funds, is launching an American Growth Fund this weekend.

Govett prides itself on its expertise in the North American market, where it has £235m invested. Its small investment management team is based in London, but visits all the US companies in which its funds have a stake at least once a year.

Adoption and tax

Allowances paid to parents who adopt children will not be taxed, it was announced this week.

The payments referred to are made generally by local authorities and are paid to parents who take on "hard to adopt" children. Adoption agencies, again largely local authorities, are required in deciding on an allowance in any particular case to take into account the existing resources of the adopting parents.

The payments were introduced under Section 32 of the Children Act 1975 which came into force in February last year.

Profit option

A five-year income bond giving 8 per cent a year after deduction of basic rate tax is on offer from Hill Samuel Ltd.

Income bonds

Hybrid plan for capital growth

R. J. Temple, the financial consultants, have developed a scheme providing income for the over 65s, the possibility of capital growth, and a means of avoiding clawback of age relief.

The scheme, the Retirement Income Board, is a hybrid consisting of a five-year guaranteed income bond, and an investment in a managed fund and a managed currency fund run by Cannon Assurance.

The income bond shows a guaranteed return of 8.5 per cent net of basic rate tax, and the investor also takes a withdrawal of 8 per cent from the Cannon investment bond.

If the underlying assets of the investment bond appreciate by at least 8 per cent a year, investors will not be depleting their capital.

According to figures produced by R. J. Temple, an investor can increase spendable income by £5.50 a week by switching a £20,000 investment in a building society into the Retirement Income Bond, because of the avoidance of age relief clawback.

The scheme does give investors the possibility of capital growth which they would not find with a building society investment, but there is the risk that the value of the investment bond could go down as well as up.

It is also debatable whether an investment in a managed currency fund is suitable for elderly investors, who might not realize that there is an exchange rate risk.

The structure and tax treatment of the bond is complicated and anyone contemplating such an investment should take professional advice.

Income is paid quarterly.

Unit trusts

Recovery helps funds show their worth

Spurred on by Wall Street, several of the world's leading stock markets achieved record levels last month. Apart from New York and London, market indices registered new peaks in both Frankfurt and Tokyo.

Reflecting these buoyant markets, many unit trusts scored useful gains last month. The best result among funds invested in Britain was achieved by the £2.5m Henderson Recovery Fund, which recorded an offer price jump of more than 12 per cent.

With world economies now moving out of recession, there are clearly plenty of potential recovery candidates. However, as Henderson itself points out, although long term investment in such stocks usually proves rewarding, it is a sector carrying an above average degree of risk.

In addition to the Henderson fund, which stands in 22nd position in the 1983 league table, four other recovery portfolios make the top 30. Bridge International Recovery, where the investment is undertaken by stockbrokers Vickers de Costa, holds eighteenth position, one place ahead of Britannia Recovery and three in front of M & G American Recovery. Framlington Recovery appears at 28th.

Turning to the overseas markets, Save and Prosper Select International marked up

a 10 per cent offer price rise, while concentrating on the United States, Tyndall North American had a clear edge over its rivals with an 8 per cent price increase.

What, of course, reduced gains for British investors in America last month was the recovery of sterling on the international money markets, which saw the pound 5 per cent higher against the dollar.

Sterling's reviving fortunes against the yen over recent weeks more than offset the marginal gain by the Tokyo stock market indices. The best performance by a fund specializing in Japan last month came from Crescent Tokyo, just 2.7 per cent higher.

Despite last month's experience, most investment managers appear to be still looking

Present value of £100 invested over four months to May 1st 1983

FUND	VALUE
1. GT European	157.6
2. Henderson European	148.8
3. FTI & Target Small Cos.	139.0
4. GT US & General	137.8
5. Mercury American	137.5
6. Growth	137.5
7. Hill Samuel European	137.5
8. Schroder Singapore & Malaysia	136.7
9. S & P Select International	136.1
10. Barrington European	135.5
11. Aitken Huma Energy & Resources	134.2

for further strengthening of the yen in the currency markets.

As for Japanese equities, investors are pinning considerable hopes on the benefit of lower oil prices.

The biggest gains last month, though, were recorded by those trust investors. Downunder, Tyndall Australian Securities led the sector with a 13.6 per cent offer price rise, followed by another recently-launched fund Lawson Australia and Pacific.

Investors now appear to have accustomed themselves to the new Labour Administration of Mr Bob Hawke, which came to power in Australia in March. By the end of last month, the Australian Metals and Mines index stood some 20 per cent higher than its level on February 7, after investors had taken fright at Mr Malcolm Fraser's decision to call the early general election.

The Australian stock market is now beginning to reflect overseas demand for the country's natural resources. Coupled with the benefits of the recent devaluation and firm metal prices, Mr Compton believes that the outlook for the Australian equity market is bright for fundamental reasons.

Mike Hockings

A perennial complaint from the elderly is that income from their hard-earned savings is effectively taxed at 50 per cent because of the clawback of "age allowance".

Age allowance is the higher personal tax allowance available if the taxpayer or his wife will be 65 before the end of the tax year. It is available for that year whether or not he or she survives to that age.

In the present tax rate of age allowance is £3,755 for a married couple and £2,795 for a single person, compared with the normal personal allowances of £2,795 and £1,785 respectively. At the basic rate of 30 per cent age allowance saves tax of £288 for a married couple, or £172.50 for a single person.

The trap is that age allowance is reduced when the taxpayer's total income exceeds a specified level. This year this level is set at £7,600 both for single people and married couples. Above £7,600 the allowance is reduced by £2 for every £3 of additional income until the normal level of personal allowance is reached - at £8,462.50 in the case of a single person and £9,040 for a married couple. Therefore income within this band of decreasing age allowance is effectively charged at 50 per cent - 30% plus two-thirds of 30%.

Unfortunately, many elderly people do not understand how age allowance works or how to avoid the clawback of age relief.

They do not realise that when determining total income for age allowance purposes it is grossed up building society

Personal savings How elderly people can escape the taxman's clawback



interest which has to be included in the calculation.

For example Mr and Mrs Jones have a joint income of £7,600 and they have £10,000 invested in a building society earning 6.25 per cent per annum this year. The building society pays them £625.

For age allowance purposes Mr and Mrs Jones's income must be treated as increased by the grossed up amount of £893 (i.e. £625 x 100/70) to £8,493. As a result of this their entitlement to age allowance is reduced, from £3,755 to £3,160 which in turn increases their tax liability by £179.

So the £625 net interest they received only has a real net worth of £446 after the re-

duction in age allowance has been calculated. And obviously, in terms of investment performance, if the £625 represented 6.25 per cent per annum then the £446 would represent a yield of only 4.46 per cent.

Although normally a building society would be a perfectly reasonable investment, it is not suited to this type of income situation. The Joneses can make better use of the £10,000 they

have available for investment. One of the simplest ways of doing this is an investment in National Savings Certificates.

These certificates are free of all income tax and capital gains tax and can be bought by Mr and Mrs Jones at the Post Office.

For their £10,000 Mr and Mrs Jones can buy 400 units of the 25th Issue. By gradually encashing 118 of the units, Mr and Mrs Jones can build up an average income of £177 over the next five years as follows:

Year 1: 27 units sold producing £705.50
Year 2: 25 units sold producing £705.50
Year 3: 24 units sold producing £726.24
Year 4: 22 units sold producing £720.28
Year 5: 20 units sold producing £718.00

This increased their spending power by £271 per annum. If the Joneses retained the remaining 282 units for their full term of five years their capital will build back to £10,124.

By pulling themselves out of the age allowance trap in this way, the Joneses have increased their income, retained their capital and they still have an investment which they can deal with personally and locally.

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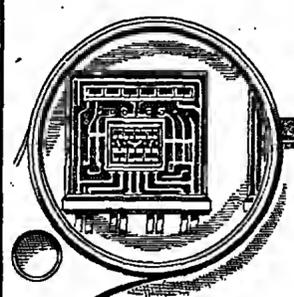
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Japan has also been highly successful in containing growth to its labour costs to levels well below those of its competitors. The latest wage round, shortly to be concluded, points to a settlement around the 4 1/2% mark.

Outstanding prospects

For the astute investor there is a key question. If Japan can produce such outstanding performance in adversity, what will be the potential as the climate of world trade improves?

In Gartmore's view, prospects are excellent. Any high street bears witness to the success of Japan's export drive. Advanced applications of microchip technology in the fields of video and hi-fi will, in our view, maintain Japan's dominance in this field, especially as the rumblings of a potential trade war now appear to be abating. The highly automated Japanese car industry should continue to benefit on much the same basis.

Strong currency

For the UK investor there is, in our view, also considerable scope for profit from the currency

situation. At Gartmore we believe that the yen is still undervalued against most of the world's major trading currencies. Falling interest rates worldwide should lead to a further strengthening of the yen - the advantage of those who invest now.

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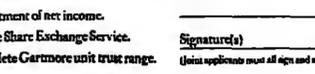
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These tables show the value on May 1 of £100 worth of units invested 12 months ago and 3 years ago - net income reinvested and based on an offer-to-offer basis. Figures supplied by Planned Savings Statistics.

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FAMILY MONEY

Premiums

Move to end discrimination

The debate in the insurance industry about whether it is fair to charge women more for permanent health policies may take on an entirely different complexion if the United States brings in legislation presently before Congress outlawing the use of different actuarial tables for men and women.

The Fair Insurance Practices Bill would mean the introduction of unisex mortality and morbidity tables and insurers in Britain could also find themselves under great pressure to change their ways.

The Equal Opportunities Commission is conducting a test case on permanent health insurance, backing Ms Jennifer Pinder, a London dentist, who claims discrimination because she is forced to pay 50 per cent more for part of her permanent policy.

There are also benefits for men in this approach. At present they pay more for their life insurance because the actuarial data show that they die younger. In the US men drivers under 25 years of age have to pay a great deal more for car insurance.

The new bill would insist on unisex tables for every aspect of insurance. Several years ago the practice of charging blacks more for life insurance was banned, although the mortality tables showed that they died younger than white policyholders.



Getting away from the transfer tax trap

Of the two certainties in life - death and taxes - the expatriate may feel he is doing well to avoid 50 per cent.

For the most part, British expatriates do avoid British taxes, certainly income tax and capital gains tax, if they take minimal precautions. But capital transfer tax is different.

retrospective CTT bill and the likelihood of future CTT planning being much more expensive than would have been the case earlier.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6% per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawal. Monthly income account Natwest 5% per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1 month 9.25 per cent, 3 and 6 months 9 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

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tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers. 1 year Lambeth 9% per cent, 2-3 years Nottingham City 10% per cent, 4-5 years Knowlsey 10% per cent, 10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-630 7401, after 3 pm). See also on Frostal no 24808.

Books

Home thoughts on jobs abroad

Working Abroad - The Expatriate's Guide is a book for the average working expatriate either presently abroad or still contemplating the move.

Association and is available from Choice Magazine at Whitehall, London Road, East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 1AW, price £1.50.

It attempts to cover all the main problem areas from the initial planning stages to the return home. For the intending expatriate, it covers the type of work available, the areas, how to find the right job and what to look for in an employment contract.

For those who have already found a job, it covers the move, what to do with the home in Britain, education and health matters.

Retirement and your income

Money and your Retirement, a comprehensive guide to finances in retirement, has now been revised and substantially rewritten after the Budget. It covers practically everything the retired, or retiring, person needs to know about the financial aspects of retirement and contains a newly-expanded section of home income plans.

Base Lending Rates

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name and Rate. Includes ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Consolidated Crds, C. Hoare & Co, Lloyds Bank, Midland Bank, Nat Westminster, TSB, Williams & Glyn's.

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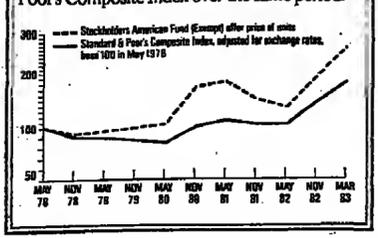
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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Account ends on dull note

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings begin, Monday, Dealings end, May 20, Contango Day, May 23, Settlement Day, May 31.

Early appraisal of the local government elections sent the buyers scuttling for shelter as the last day of the account ended on a dull note yesterday.

Dealers reported nervous selling in this trade as investors waited patiently for definite signs of a date for the General Election. The FT index, down 2.7 at 2pm ended the day only 0.6 off at 694.4, as new-time buying for the next account dried up.

Dealings in the new tap Treasury convertible index linked 2 1/2 per cent 1999 received little support with the closing price unchanged at 240 1/16, partly paid, compared with the issue price of 297.50.

The rest of the gilt market lost ground with falls of up to 1/2, despite hopes earlier in the week of an imminent 1/2 per cent in bank base rates.

The pound ended the day on foreign exchanges unchanged at \$1.5780.

Leading industrials put up a steady performance under the lead of Glaxo after United States approval for the marketing of its anti-ulcer drug, Zantac. Shares of Glaxo responded with gains of 2 1/16 to

close at 29 1/16. The group already has permission to market the drug in Britain, but has waited patiently for the news from the United States.

London Brick ended the week unchanged at 165p still awaiting the identity of the buyer of just under 5 per cent of its shares in recent weeks. Farnese has been tipped as the favourite, but it is unlikely to comment unless the stake goes over 5 per cent.

Exco International, the money broker, with a big stake in

Teleate, the financial information system, ended the week on a firm note 60p higher at 633p. This must come as good news for several of the big institutions which had been banking on a successful debut for Teleate on Wall Street this account.

In the event, Teleate's opening proved something of an anti-climax with most of its big shareholders thrown into dismay.

Among second line electricals Cambridge Electronic advanced 8p to 213p. Before the figures in March the shares stood at 160p.

On the bid front, shares of Mr Paul Bristol's KCA Drilling, a subsidiary of KCA International, showed pretax profits

next week might prove an ideal date in the wake of this week's flurry of activity.

Oil shares were depressed, despite denials from Japan on Thursday that Iran was selling its oil at a discount and

provoking a renewed price war. Further selling from the US prompted falls of 10p in BP at 388p and 4p in Shell at 486p.

Ahead of interim figures on Monday, shares of Akroyd & Soutter, one of the two publicly quoted jobbers, last 12p to 35 1/2p. The rest of the market is unlikely to place much emphasis on the figures.

The real test will come with the full-year figures. But after the recent strength of the gilt and gold market, investors are unlikely to be disappointed.

Still awaiting the prospect of a Monopolies reference, Trident TV 'A' shares dipped another 3p to 85 1/2p. Earlier this week Pleasants, which is bidding 114p a share for Trident, called off its casino deal with Grand Metropolitan making the prospect of a reference that much more real.

Seven Oil jumped 19p to 185p on the increased stake on Clyde Petroleum.

But the counterforce for Bean Bros from Exel failed to do much for the shares which closed only 2p higher at 190p. Exel lost 5p at 310p.

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CRICKET: A DEATHWIT AT HOVE AND LIVELY BOWLING AT LORD'S

Sussex starting not with a bang but a whimper

By Alan Ross

HOVE: Nottingham beat Sussex by an innings and 32 runs.

In the most agreeable weather of the match, Sussex again batted dismally on a placid pitch. Mead and Barclay put on 53 for the first wicket but after that on one, except possibly Phillipson, looked likely to last. Sussex, all out for 175, were beaten fair and square by an innings and 32 runs.

Who is quite disturbingly similar to John Snow in approach and delivery, flattened his off stump. Sussex were 92 for three at lunch. Parker, with some leeway to make up after a disappointing season last year, got going with a couple of spanking cover drives off Hadlee. This brought an immediate increase of pace and venom, and in quick succession both Parker and Greig were beaten off the pitch and leg before. Wailes had already departed, caught at slip off Cooper, after some dreadful firm-footed wafles.



Headrick: straight man

volley from Saxelby into the arms of extra cover. Pigott, the hero of Wednesday, disgraced himself this time with a tumbling scoop at Hemmings, the ball spioning vertically to a considerable height but only a yard or two forward. Phillipson, going down the wicket, drove Hemmings straight and satisfyingly for four and a six. These areas being swept he oow attempted to sweep him to the vacant leg side, fell over and was stumped. It was a sorry end.

Getting in on the act at last

By John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Middlesex (6 pts) drew with Lancashire (2). Middlesex snuffed three bonus points yesterday after fretting from 11 o'clock until gone three to get on to the field. Although heavy overnight rain had rewatered the outfield, Middlesex were prepared to wait until the time necessary, or beyond, for the chance to collect what further rewards they could.

Higuera numbers himself among the specialists

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Dusseldorf

Jose Higuera, ranked seventh in the world, has again decided that he will not compete at Wimbledon. Higuera said here yesterday that the Wimbledon courts he had previously been sent to play on were simply not good enough.

Mason builds a case for ending sequence

From Mitchell Platts, Versailles

Carl Mason has flattered only to deceive on too many occasions to expect to win the £65,000 French Open. However, he demonstrated throughout the second round of 66 for the halfway lead on the La Boule course here yesterday, that there need be no other reason why he should not end 10 years without a success on the European circuit.



Ballesteros driving towards his round of 68 yesterday

Jesty has to be so serious

By Richard Streeton

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (7 pts) drew with Hampshire (4)

Hampshire, who started by following on 19 runs behind, applied themselves with diligence to batting through the day. By the end, they owed most to Tremlett and Jesty, their objective was fulfilled with only one slight hiccup. Northamptonshire's cause was helped by the loss of the first hour's play to enable the field to dry from early morning rain.

Selvey, that great Welsh batsman

By Peter Marson

CARDIFF: Glamorgan (5 pts) drew with Essex (6)

This match has been so devastated by rain that a draw became inevitable by the time mopping up operations had been completed and a start was made at 12.15 yesterday. The chief interest to both camps now lay to bonus points, remembering always that Glamorgan's first task was to avoid following on, a matter of 114 runs.

Miss Durie yields to a gymnast

From a Special Correspondent, Perugia

The absence of the world's top 10 from the Italian championships has far from damaged the women's game as it has allowed another crop of promising young players to emerge.

McEnroe's fitness in doubt

From a Special Correspondent, Forest Hills

The fitness of John McEnroe is open to question and there are doubts of his being able to finish the Mercedes tournament of champions here. He pulled a thigh muscle in training for a high school tennis night doubles match and according to the tournament doctor, Irving Gilck, was only 75 per cent fit when going into his third round singles match with young Swede Jon Gunnarsson.

Young German faces a most important round

By John Heennessy, Golf Correspondent

Barbara Helbig, aged 24, of Germany, faces the most important round of her life at Woburn today. She has opened up a lead of three strokes in the Ford Women's professional tournament and is poised to win the first prize of £3,000, which would almost double her earnings in four years as a professional player.

Somerset pair to play

Leicestershire v Derbyshire at Leicester

With the Test series between West Indies and India having ended earlier this week in Antigua, several counties have been waiting to hear whether their overseas players will be able to play in today's Zonal qualifying matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Gloucestershire v Surrey at Bristol

Gloucestershire First Innings 338 for 7

With more than seven hours lost to rain, the Shropshire county championship match at Taunton ended in a quiet draw. Worcestershire reached 253 for seven in 85 overs after rain had curtailed 325 for seven declared. Play eventually began yesterday at 2pm and Worcestershire started at 78 for Weston hit six fours in his 61-over innings of 92 and took his second-wicket partnership with Neale to 121 in 44 overs before Dredge broke through. Poplewell took 10 wickets as Worcestershire slumped from 160 for one to 237 for seven, but Younis Ahmed steered his side to a third batting point.

Wood quits as captain

Wood: questioned his own ability

Barry Wood, the former England all-rounder, has resigned from the Derbyshire captaincy. His decision was conveyed to the Derbyshire chairman, David Robinson, after the first day of the championship game at Leicester.

Miss Walpole controls

Shelley Walpole, halted the run of the West German schoolgirl Steffie Graf, who came through with a singles quarter-final match of the West Warwickshire hard court tournament at Solihull yesterday.

Cycling

Sherwen to the fore

Paul Sherwen, aged 26, from Cheshire, yesterday won the 38.4 kilometre, remaining before the finish tomorrow.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

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Cambridge U v Kent

AT FENNER'S

Cambridge University First Innings 140

Yorkshire v Warwickshire at Headingley

Yorkshire First Innings 228

Wood took over the captaincy when Miller resigned, and he led the county to a NatWest Trophy victory in 1980 and was made captain for the 1981 season, yesterday issued a statement saying: 'I have found it too demanding to captain the side and maintain my standards as an opener and as a bowler. This has led me to question my ability as a captain.'

Second XI competition

Cricket Correspondent

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Hockey

Slough are unmanned

By Sydney Friskin

Slough are having difficulty in gathering a strong force to defend the inter-league championship, sponsored by Truman, at Eastcote today and tomorrow. Wedding ties have been ringing for Rajaj Flora, who means that he and his brother Manjaj will not be to the side. Other players may also be unavailable.

New captain named

Cricket Correspondent

John Salvesen a Perthshire farmer has been nominated as the new captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews. Salvesen, aged 54, was elected a member of the club in 1956 and has held many appointments on committees. Recently he has been chairman of the championship selection committee and will play himself into office at the autumn medal meeting over the old course, St Andrews.

RACING: DERBY TRIAL AT LINGFIELD PARK

Teenoso's stamina should gain verdict in trial

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

When Henry Cecil decided not to run any of his four entries in the Highland Spring Derby Trial at Lingfield Park this afternoon Lester Piggott, ever quick to spot an opportunity, rang up Jeremy Tree...

Romoss best in Thirsk feature

By Michael Seely

Romoss looks the likely winner of this afternoon's Thirsk Hunt Cup. When the going is rough and heavy it is generally best to study the form of those at the foot of the handicap...

Goliath must defeat David

By Keith Macklin

By no stretch of the imagination or twisting of logic can Featherstone Rovers win the Challenge Cup, sponsored by Slalom Lager...

Gratifying athletes' yen for the money

By Pat Butcher

The Year of the Athlete begins appropriately in the Far East tomorrow. Dr Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation...

Lingfield Park

Draw advantage: Low numbers best. Total: Double 2.30, 3.30, Triple 2.50, 4.0, 4.0. [1.30] HOLSTEIN DIAT MILK STAKES (3-Y-0 maidens: £4,308: 71 140yd) (20 runners)

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3.0 PARTHA STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,685: 5f) (6 runners) 3.1 YULYAR HANDICAP (22,578: 5f) (16 runners)

4.0 MID-DAY SUN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,815: 1m 20) (11 runners) 4.1 MID-DAY SUN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,815: 1m 20) (11 runners)

Lingfield selections By Michael Phillips. 1.30 High Fandango. 2.0 We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Teenoso. 3.0 Snowdew. 3.30 Balmorra. 4.0 Adonijah.

Bath selections By Our Racing Staff. 2.15 Brown Taw. 2.45 Roggac. 3.15 Morgans Choice. 3.45 Raja Khan. 4.15 High Calory. 4.45 Before The Dawn.

Thirsk selections By Michael Seely. 2.15 Airing. 2.45 Spring Cottage. 3.15 Romoss. 3.45 Bahaor. 4.15 Changed His Mind. 4.45 Autumn Sunset. 5.15 Willie Can.

Bath

Draw advantage: low numbers best. 2.15 FRANCASAL STAKES (2-Y-0 selling: £784: 5f) (13 runners) 2.25 CHAPEL FARM HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £1,957: 5f) (187yd) (11 runners)

3.15 BOX HANDICAP (22,484: 2m 11 27/100) (22 runners) 3.25 BOX HANDICAP (22,484: 2m 11 27/100) (22 runners)

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Miss Benoit's jubilation over her success in the London marathon has been overshadowed by her frustration at not being able to concentrate her mind and bodies in Wembley.

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It would be a pleasure and an achievement to be the only tipster in the game to vote for Featherstone and get it right. However, the head must rule the heart. It must be Hull's Cup yet again.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Third division: Bournemouth v Wigan Athletic, Cardiff v Orient, Exeter v Doncaster, Gillingham v Bristol Rovers.

Scottish premier division: Celtic v Morton, Dundee United v Motherwell, Hibernian v Rangers.

Scottish first division: Alloa v St Johnstone, Ayr v Raith Rovers, Dumfries v Hearts.

Scottish second division: Arbroath v Stenhousemuir, Brechin v Meadowbank, East Fife v East Fife.

CRICKET: 11.0-7.30: BLENDALE and WEEDON Cup. 11.0-7.30: BLENDALE and WEEDON Cup.

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BIRTHS... HAYWARD, on 2nd May 1983, Katherine Jane...

MARRIAGES... TYNER-NEWMAN, on April 27 1983, at the Parish of St. Mary's, Havant...

DEATHS... AYRES, on 4th May, peacefully at home, Sylvia Grace Ayres...

DEATHS... BEAMISH, on 2nd May 1983, in hospital, Anthony Henry Beamish...

DEATHS... BUTTLE, on 3rd May 1983, Professor Graham Albert Butt...

DEATHS... GILLUN, on 2nd May 1983, at a nursing home, aged 72, husband of the late Mrs. Gillun...

DEATHS... JILLET, on 4th May 1983, at Stratford, Buckingham, aged 82 years...

DEATHS... MORTON, on 4th May 1983, peacefully at home, aged 82 years...

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A wife makes Russian see red

From Richard Wigg Madrid

A senior Soviet diplomat stormed out of the European security review conference building here yesterday after seeing Mrs Avital Shcharansky, wife of the imprisoned Soviet human rights activist, who had come to Madrid to plead her husband's case on the spot and that of other persecuted Soviet Jews.

"No, I do not want anything," Mr Serge Kondrashev snapped at reporters who had invited him to have a drink in the delegates' bar where Mrs Shcharansky was giving an improvised press conference.

Visibly annoyed, the number three man in the Soviet delegation suddenly turned on his heel and led the rest of his team hurriedly out.

Mrs Shcharansky had slipped into Madrid's conference centre, normally barred to the general public, in the company of journalists. When her presence was detected by Spanish security officials Mr Spencer Oliver, acting head of the United States delegation, invited her to be his guest.

The incident happened just after the Soviet Union had told the Western countries at a plenary session of the 35 nation conference that it will not accept any of their proposed amendments to a neutral and non-aligned nations' draft document designed to bring the two-and-a-half-year-old Madrid meeting to a close.

Mr Anatoly Kovalev, a deputy Foreign Minister, bluntly declared: "The possibility of further negotiations is now exhausted for all practical purposes."

MOSCOW: The Soviet Union said yesterday that it was ready to compromise to end the deadlock at the European security review conference, Renter reports.

An address to participating states said the meeting had been going on for too long. Moscow was now prepared to adopt a draft document submitted by the neutral and non-aligned states



Seeing is believing: Mr Kondrashev (right) hurries from the conference building after catching sight of Mrs Shcharansky (left), seen arriving earlier.



Israel agrees to withdrawal terms

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Syria did not now agree to withdrawal, Israel would have to consider "one-sided measures".

Pressed to elaborate, he acknowledged that the most likely Israeli move would be a unilateral withdrawal to a line running approximately 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of Israel's border. Any such move would affectively partition Lebanon.

A rapid indication of the benefits which Israel can expect from the United States as a result of its more flexible posture was the issuing of an invitation last night to Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, to visit Washington.

Other benefits are expected to include more military aid, a lifting of the ban on delivery of

75 F16 military aircraft, and a revival of the memorandum of strategic understanding, frozen since the annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Among Israeli officials last night there was great pessimism about the chances of Syria or its chief arms supplier, the Soviet Union, willingly going along with a peace plan drawn up by the US. A final indication of Syrian intentions will not be available until later today when Mr Shultz is due to meet President Assad in Damascus before flying on to Saudi Arabia.

If recent hard-line Syrian statements prove unfounded and Syria is willing to pull out its men, Mr Modai said that he expected the complex withdrawal process to begin in about

two weeks. The agreement envisages it taking up to three months to complete.

He refused to disclose details of the pact or of the issues on which Israel is still holding out for clarifications. But he appeared distinctly uneasy about the decision and explained he would not have supported the war if he knew that this "was going to be the outcome".

The vote represented further isolation for Mr Sharon, who argued bluntly that the Shultz draft contained "no answer to Israel's security problems".

The agreement represented a significant concession by Israel about the future of Major Haddad, the south Lebanese militia leader, Israel has for four months insisted to be given the role of overall military com-

mander in southern Lebanon. Instead he is to be offered a lesser position with the military rank of colonel.

It was not immediately clear whether the cashiered major would accept this role. He told *The Times* recently that he would accept nothing less than the position of military governor of south Lebanon.

Although details of the agreement were kept secret, 100 Israeli troops to operate inside southern Lebanon in joint supervisory teams with the Lebanese Army. It is also thought to allow for a six-month interim period before details of normalisation of relations with Lebanon are formalized.

Photograph, page 6

Thatcher told to go for June 9 poll

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If Mrs Thatcher had hoped that the election on Thursday would take the decision out of her hands she was undecieved by 6 am yesterday, when she began her day. (She had gone to bed early, by her standards, at 12.30 am.)

The message from the polling booths was confused. The Conservatives had done well, but not quite so well as they had hoped.

The genuine view yesterday of experienced Opposition politicians was that Mrs Thatcher could not afford to miss the present excellent opportunity.

Leading article, page 9

News group moves into satellite TV

A far-reaching diversification of the interests controlled by Mr Rupert Murdoch, publisher of *The Times*, is probable after companies in his group announced yesterday that they are on the verge of moving into satellite communications.

News International, owner of *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun*, and the *News of the World*, as well as *The Times*, said that the Board of Satellite Television, a British company which has been hotly pursued by several bidders, had agreed to recommend to shareholders an offer worth £5m which would give News International 65 per cent of the company. City sources said the offer was likely to be accepted.

At the same time, News International has expanded into the American satellite television business through a subsidiary which is in a joint venture with Inter-American Satellite Television, a Californian company. The joint venture will begin broadcasting a potential audience of 24 million in September.

These two moves are seen within News International as the start of an important development of the group. The

satellites, which may be joined by others, can carry music, news, textual services, games, and computer software, in addition to conventional television programmes. It is possible that they could be linked to provide a worldwide network, capable of producing international editions of newspapers.

Satellite Television has been broadcasting since 1981, using the European Orbital Test Satellite. But it reaches viewers through existing cable television networks, and arguments in many European countries, including Britain, over the use of cable, have confined the potential audience to about 400,000 English speakers in Finland, Malta, Norway and Switzerland.

News International will strengthen Satellite Television management and implement a business plan which was one of the main attractions of the bid, according to City sources. At least another £5m will be committed.

Broadcasting will be transferred to the European Communications Satellite when it is launched in June.

Hitler diaries forged

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Explanation of the details of Stern's response was not yet possible. He added: "Nevertheless the Rhineland-Palatinate Criminal Department as well as many internationally recognized handwriting experts had confirmed the authenticity of the handwriting extracts taken from the diaries belonging to the special Heist volume, so that in good faith Stern was able to begin publication."

Herr Nannen said historians had been convinced of their authenticity. Further tests had been set in motion, including those by the Swiss Materials Testing and Experimentation Department and by the American Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The German Government's announcement deals a paralyzing moral and financial blow to Stern, which admitted it invested enormous sums in acquiring the diaries.

Since Stern announced on April 22 that it had discovered the diaries, said to have been rescued from the wreckage of an aircraft that crashed in 1945 on its way from Berlin to Austria with secret documents from Hitler's bunker, numerous historians have declared they were forgeries, probably perpetrated in East Germany. Several specialists of the era said they had been offered similar material in the past.

Lord Dacre, Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, said he regretted too quickly and was embarrassed that this had caused problems for Times newspapers.

He added that he would have avoided the mistake if he had insisted on more time to authenticate them, although he originally believed them to be genuine. It was only after reflection that he has doubts.

By the time he attended a press conference in Hamburg he was convinced they were fakes.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Last chance to see Glass engraving by Alison Geisler, Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends tomorrow).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,117



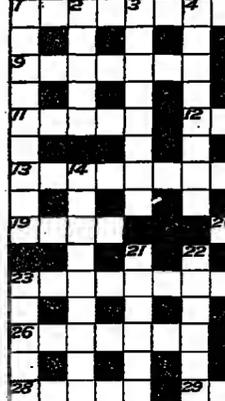
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- Legal business one declines to specify (5).
- Shallow, perhaps, and frozen completely (7).
- College president (7).
- White man always has precedence in this (5).
- Indication that Jack's leaving TV programme (4,5).
- Just started Act II No, he ordered otherwise (5).
- Stiff turned into this brandy (4).
- Point-to-point, attended by young gentlemen (4).
- Month to keep mum in the Tower (8).
- Consistent activity of landlord, say (2,7).
- Partly steer course that's far from sensible (5).
- Messenger sometimes kept in hand during stir (7).
- Bird I spotted beside a shrub (7).
- Drink tea? Why, we hear there's a rumour in it (5).
- Obscure no part of prison for Lovelace (9).
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Victoria Square, Hull: Mon to Sat 10 to 5. Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (ends tomorrow).

Paintings by Peter Phillips, Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southampton; Tues to Sat 11 to 5.45, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

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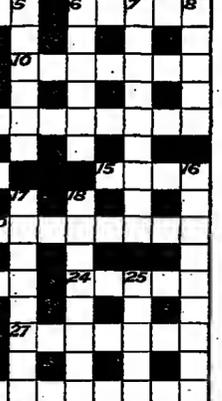
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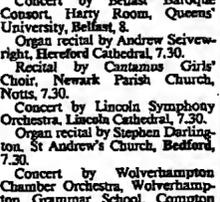
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Sporting Art Trust, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Fri (ends tomorrow).

Work by three Canadian sculptors, Museum and Art Gallery, Cartwright Hall, Bradford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

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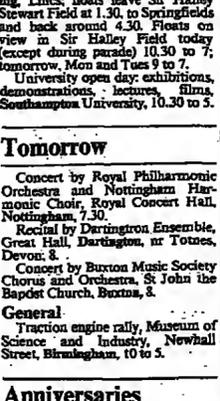
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Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW
Avenue Golden House Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol; 9 acres, old world garden dating from 1731; orange, parterre; 2 to 6.

TOMORROW

Bedfordshire: Tuddington Manor, Tuddington, off M1 at exit 12; fine trees and shrubs, walled garden, rare breeds of cattle and sheep, lakes, wild rabbits; 10 to 6.
Cambridgeshire: Leckington (Corpus Christi College), 37 Grange Road, Cambridge; fine trees, wild garden, herbaceous; 2 to 6.
Essex: Thorpe Hall, Thorpe-le-Soken, famous garden, fine specimen trees; 2 to 6.
Gwynedd: Hafod Garreg, Nantmor, 5th N of Penrhyneddreath towards Aberllynnydd; woodland setting, trees and shrubs, herbaceous; (also open on Saturday, 10 to 6).
Hampshire: Pywell Park, Lynton; large garden, flowering shrubs, rhododendrons, woodland garden; 2 to 6.
Kent: Edenbridge House, Edenbridge; fine spring garden; 2 to 6.
Leicestershire: Highgate, 799 Highgate West Hill; 82 Highgate West Hill; 7 The Grove and 5 The Grove; 2 to 6.
Oxfordshire: Evenlode, Stonefield, 5th N of Woodstock; one acre garden, rock garden, shrubs and bulbs; 2 to 6.
Surrey: Ramster, Chiddingfold, 1m S of Chiddingfold on A283 to Petworth; woodland garden, rare rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias, azaleas and other shrubs; 2 to 7.
Sussex: Fair Ridge, Bugeys Lane, 1m W of Robertsbridge off A21 in Robertsbridge on road to Brighton; woodland garden, bluebells, azaleas, heathers; 2 to 6.
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Roads

London and South-east: A102(M); Lane closures on Blackwell Tunnel, Woolley and Twickenham areas congested because of rugby matches. A46: Roadworks at Ruislip, Northolt and Perivale.

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures between junctions 11 (Keeleham) and 17 (Cloucestre).

M4: Westbound slip road closed at junction 26 (Cwmbran). A55: Temporary lights at Llandudno from 8 am today until tomorrow evening.
Midlands and East Anglia: M1: Lane closures at junction 16 (Northampton); junction 16 closed except cut from southbound carriageway. A34: Temporary lights S of Slipston, Warwickshire. A11: Temporary signals at Henbury, Norfolk.
North: M62: Lane closures between junctions 22 (Bradford, Halifax) and 26 (Ripponden), York. A1: Roadworks at Borough Road, York. M6: Lane closures at junctions 41 (N of Peterborough) and 42 (S Carlisle), Cumbria.
Scotland: A379: Moss Road (Clyde Tunnel) expressway. Southbound carriageway of Shieldhall Road, N Yorks. M6: Lane closures Eastbound carriageway closed tomorrow between Charny Cross and Towhead, Glasgow. Information supplied by the AA.

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Weather

A depression over the Irish Sea will move slowly NE. 6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, SW, central N, Channel, East Angles, Midlands, Cornwall, Wales, Surrey, periods and showers; wind B to SW, moderate, becoming W; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

N Wales, NW, NE, England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Scotland, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Showers or longer periods of rain, sunny intervals; wind S, moderate, becoming NW; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

Northampton, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW, Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showers or longer periods of rain, sunny intervals; wind variable, light; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Northern Ireland: Outbreaks of rain, becoming more showery; sunny intervals; wind NW, moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Dry in places at first, but rain or showers corresponding to all parts; becoming colder on Monday.

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